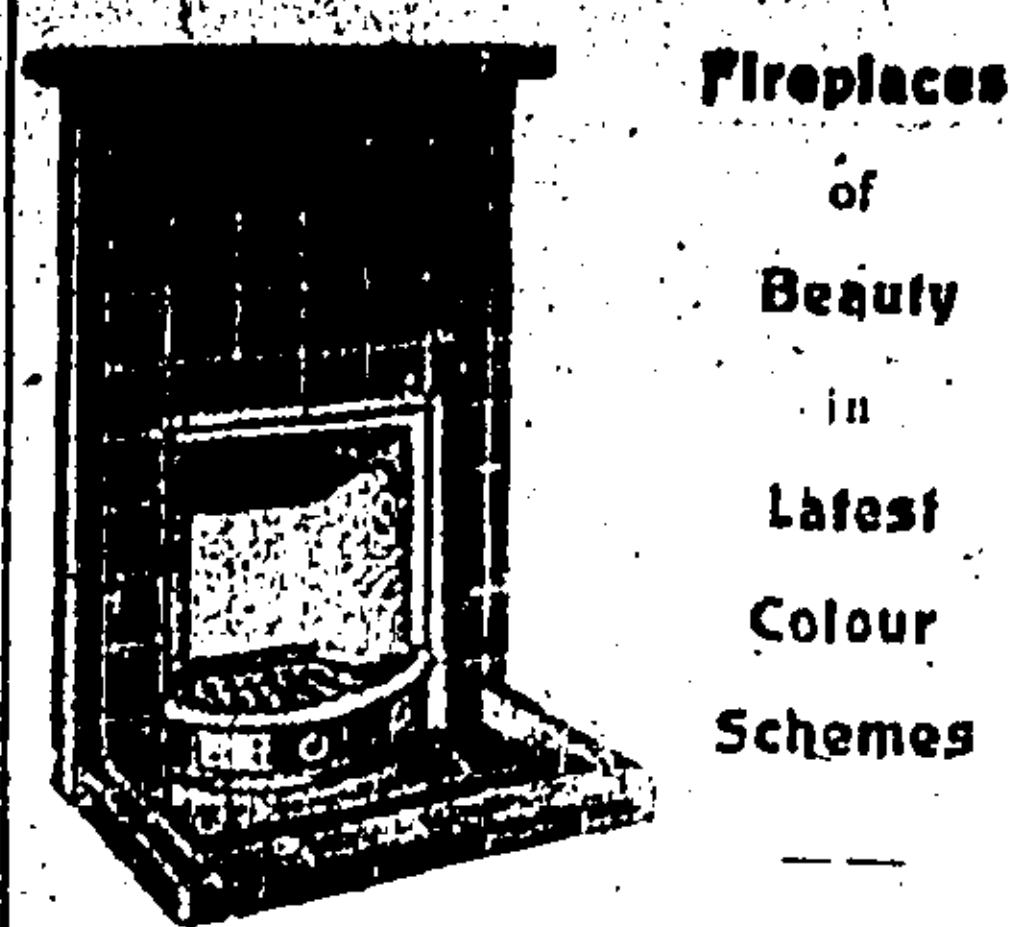




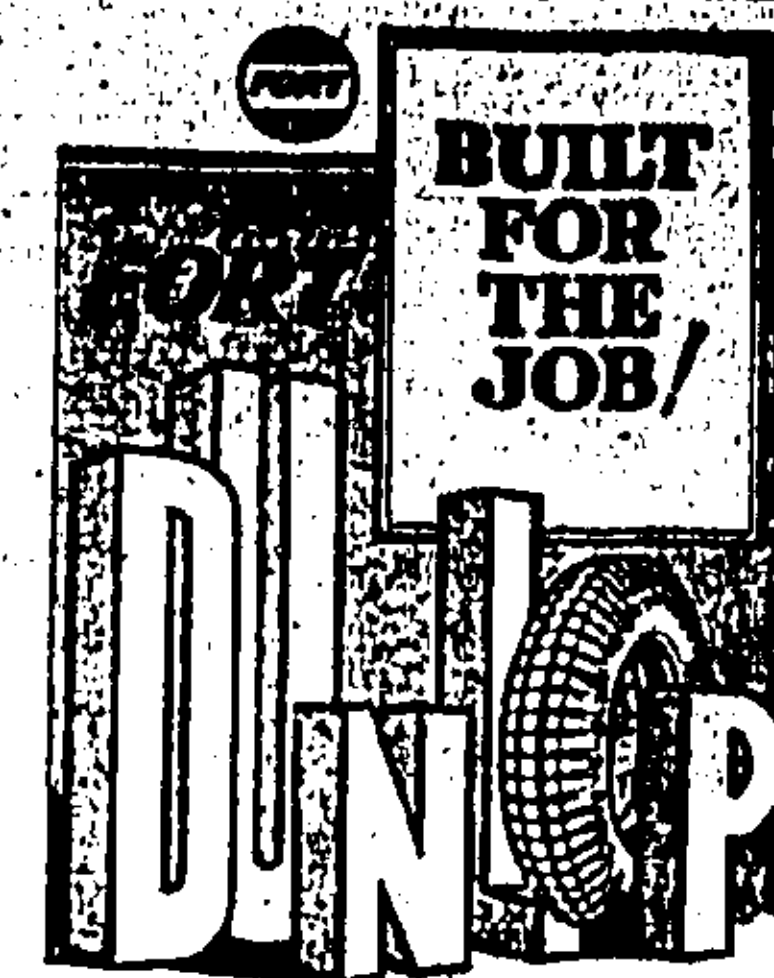
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MR. BALDWIN HITS BACK.

SLASHES PRESS BARONS.

BITTER INDICTMENT OF METHODS.

CADDISH LIBEL.

London, Mar. 17.
War to the knife has been declared between Mr. Stanley Baldwin and Lord Rothermere and Beaverbrook. Mr. Baldwin delivered a slashing attack on the Press Barons to-night, which is certain to increase the liveliness and bitterness in the St. George's by-election.

Queen's Hall was crowded for the occasion. Mr. Baldwin addressing a huge audience in support of Mr. Alfred Duff Cooper, the official Conservative candidate, who is opposed by Sir Ernest Pether, an Independent Conservative, the main issue being Mr. Baldwin's leadership.

Mr. Baldwin stated at the outset that he was breaking the rule that Party leaders should not speak at bye-elections because the circumstances of this case were exceptional.

Direct Falsehoods.
The British Press, he continued, was the admiration of the world for fairness, ability and high principles, but he was afraid that the Rothermere and Beaverbrook newspapers were the engines of propaganda for constantly changing policies, desires, personal wishes, likes and dislikes of two men (Cheers) whose methods consisted of direct falsehood, misrepresentation, half-truths and suppression.

Written By Cnd.
Mr. Baldwin declared that the statement in the Daily Mail of March 9 in reference to Mr. Baldwin's fortune, could only have been written by a cad. (Cheers)

(He followed a speech in which Mr. Baldwin admitted that he had lost practically his entire fortune in the collapse in the share values of Messrs. Baldwin's, the noted steel firm. He said he could have got out while the price ruled high, but considered it essential to continue his connexion).

Open To Libel Action.
He had been legally advised, Mr. Baldwin said, that he could sue the Daily Mail for libel for their statements, but he would not move in the matter because an apology would be valueless and he would not touch damages with a barge pole. (Cheers)

It was no credit for an old man like himself, he concluded, to stand up against mud-slinging and abuse. His position in the world was made. Let them throw him out if they could.

Marked Men.
But young men like Mr. Duff Cooper knew that they were marked men by that Press. Nevertheless, they were ready to stick it out.

In fighting for Mr. Duff Cooper, the electors of St. George's, Westminster, were not merely fighting for the best type of Englishman, but were striking a blow that would resound in London for the defence of public life and the honest British Journalism. (Cheers) A number of interruptions were ejected.—*Reuter*.

ANTI-TRUST LAWS INVOKED.

NUT AND RIVET COMBINE TO BE DISSOLVED.

New York, Mar. 17.
The dissolution of the Bolt, Nut and Rivet Manufacturers Association has been ordered by Federal Judge Coleman, on the ground that it violated the Sherman anti-trust laws.

The Association controls ninety-five per cent. of the industry in the United States.

The President of the Association afterwards stated that the members propose to form a new Association, which will be controlled by the law. He says he has no objection to this.

Miraculous Escapes.

Viking Survivors Number 120.

MASTER'S FATE.

New York, Mar. 17.
That Captain Abram Kean, the noted explorer, and master of the ill-fated Viking, has landed at Horse Island with 117 survivors from the old wooden sealer, is the gratifying and relieving news received from St. John's, Newfoundland, to-day.

The survivors endured many hours of great suffering on the ice-floes before they reached safety.

Captain Kean said he was on the bridge at the time of the explosion. He was blown completely off the steamer, and was injured in falling in the ice.

The cinema director, Mr. Varick Frissell, a cameraman named Penrod, and the explorer, Mr. Henry Sergeant, of Boston, are among the missing.

Captain Kean estimates that those killed by the explosion and subsequently total twenty-five.

Men Found Aboard.
Later.
When hope had been abandoned of rescuing any of the three American film party aboard the Viking, the relief ship Sagona signalled that she had found Mr. Henry Sergeant, with two other men, miraculously alive. They found them in the shattered sealer's stern, which was the centre of the violent explosion.

It is not known whether Mr. Frissell is one of the three men whose sensational escape is now reported.—*Reuter's American Service*.

St. John's, later.
An official tally proves that thirty-four are missing from the Viking, including the film director, Mr. Frissell, cameraman Penrod and a 12-year-old stowaway.—*Reuter*.

ALARMING MOTOR MISHAP.

RUNAWAY TAXI CRASHES INTO GARDENS.

An alarming incident occurred on Upper Garden Road shortly before noon to-day. As far as can be gathered, a taxi, which had developed mechanical trouble, was being temporarily repaired near Kennedy Road, when it suddenly started away uncontrolled down the hill.

The runaway vehicle quickly gathered speed, and after a few hundred yards, collided with the wall of the Botanical Gardens, and shot diagonally across the roadway, crashing through the iron railings opposite, tearing down a considerable expanse, and finally coming to rest on its side in a garden.

It is understood that there were no occupants at the time. The taxi was very badly damaged.

ECHO OF THE JACA UPRISING.

HEAVY SENTENCES PASSED AT COURT-MARTIAL.

Madrid, Mar. 17.
The private court-martial at Huesca of eighty-one officers and men, mostly belonging to the cavalry, involved in the Jaca rising, in December, concluded to-day.

It is revealed by high authority that Captain Sedillas was sentenced to death, several other officers being sent to prison for life, and others to shorter terms of imprisonment.

An impressive account was given during the trial of how officers were imprisoned in a dungeon. They were powerless to control their subordinates whose conduct was atrocious, they could hear

SPORTS CLUB AND LAND AT DEEP WATER BAY.

FAILURE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

CEMENT COMPANY'S NEW PLANT PROGRESSING.

READY THIS YEAR.

Interesting announcements were made by Mr. J. Scott Harston in presiding at the annual meeting of the Green Island Cement Co. this morning. One of these was to the effect that little success had been with endeavours to dispose of the Company's land at Deep Water Bay. The Sports Club had sought an option to purchase the land and buildings, but the negotiations had proved abortive.

It was also stated that the Company intends manufacturing a rapid-hardening cement to be known as "Emeraldite," and that good progress had been made with the erection of the Company's new

SILVER STATES EMISSARIES.

COMING TO CHINA.

Washington, Mar. 17.
Senator Oddie, of Nevada, and Senator Vandenberg, of Michigan, are shortly leaving for China to study the silver question. Nevada and Michigan are the two principal silver producing States.—*Reuter*.

plant, which it is hoped to bring into operation in the current year.

Chairman's Speech.
The Chairman, after reading the auditors' report, said:—From a perusal of the Profit & Loss Account, you will observe that the balance of Working Account (after effecting depreciation to the extent of \$32,147.47 and after providing for the cost of maintenance of the Deep Water Bay property) amounts to \$76,702.11. Notwithstanding the fact that this figure is appreciably less than that shown for the preceding year, it is the opinion of your Board that this result may be regarded as satisfactory, having regard to the age of the existing plant and the high cost of production consequent thereon, and also the fact that, owing to the modernization of our works at Hok On, which is now being proceeded with, expenditure on the existing plant has been reduced to a minimum.

During the year under review, your Board disposed of the major portion of the Company's investments at favourable rates, thus augmenting the Working Profit by a sum of \$149,270.05; the proceeds of such liquidation being utilized for the purpose of financing payments in connexion with the new installation. As you will observe from the credit side of the Profit & Loss Account, the working profit was also augmented by the profit on the sale of the buildings and machinery at Deep Water Bay, to which I will make further reference later.

General Managers' Commission.
Turning to the debit side of the Profit & Loss Account, you will observe that a sum of \$4,166.66 was paid to the General Managers, this representing the amount due to them by way of commission for the first two months of the financial year. Furthermore, the item, \$20,833.34, appearing under the heading "Compensation to General Managers," represents, for the year 1930, the proportion of the compensation for loss of office, voted to Messrs. Shawan Tomes & Co. at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company held on the 23rd April, 1930. The last item on the debit side of the Profit & Loss Account represents a retiring allowance to our late General Manager, a matter to which I will also make further reference later.

TIME BOMBS AT BELGRADE.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

OFFICER HERO.

Belgrade, Mar. 17.
The War Office, the Finance Ministry, the Military Academy and the Officers' Home were all badly wrecked in the terrific explosion of this morning's bomb outrage.

There is reason to believe that there were more than four separate bombs placed on each of the Government buildings mentioned, all of them apparently being timed to explode simultaneously.

Some of them were wrapped in sackcloth and placed in the dust-bins close to the buildings, and some were placed among building material.

It is disclosed that the officer previously reported as killed, is not dead. He was, however, very seriously wounded whilst making a gallant attempt to remove a bomb from outside the Officers' Home.

One civilian and a soldier were also wounded by the explosions, and this represents the total casualty list. The absence of heavier casualties is accounted for by the fact that the explosions occurred in the early hours of the morning before the offices were occupied.—*Reuter*.

FATE OF LIBERAL PARTY IN THE BALANCE.

WHOLE ISSUE TO BE THRASHED OUT.

DIVISION POSSIBLE.

London, Mar. 18.
The question whether the Liberals will cease to be a Party or become two groups rests upon the laps of Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon at a meeting which is to be held to-day when the Parliamentary Liberal Party will discuss "the grave crisis" arising from the dissentient Liberals' opposition to Clause 4 of the Electoral Reform, seeking to abolish University representation, which was defeated in the House of Commons on Monday.

An analysis of the division list shows that ten Liberals voted against the Government on Monday, twenty-three were absent and nineteen supported the measure.

This denoted a cleavage on essential Liberal legislation, which has impelled Sir Archibald Sinclair to tender his resignation as Chief Whip.

Viscount Grey, in a speech last night, favoured the retention of the Government in office, particularly on account of its overseas policy. He stated that "as regards India, for example, they had not only adopted the right policy, but had handled that policy very well, while all Liberals could support their general policy in foreign affairs."—*Reuter*.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN NEW YORK.

TRADITIONAL MARCH UP FIFTH AVENUE.

New York, Mar. 17.
Twenty thousand Irishmen celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a traditional march up Fifth Avenue, several notable politicians, including Governor Roosevelt, of New York State, and Mr. Jimmy Walker, Mayor of New York, being seated in stands along the route.

A modern note was given to the celebration by the arrival at the starting point in an auto-car of Mr. John F. Curry, the Tammany Hall leader.

The agendas, order papers at the New York State Senate House and Assembly were printed in green.

Reuter's American Service.
The Hongkong St. Patrick's Society has arranged a party of visiting New York State, and the Convention of the St. Patrick's Society of New York will be held at the Hotel New York to-day.

ELECTRICITY MAY COST MORE.

WARNING AT TO-DAY'S MEETING.

COMPANY HOPES TO AVOID THE STEP.

GENERATOR FIRE.

The possibility of the Hongkong Electric Co. having to revise its price for current was mentioned by the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, when presiding at the annual meeting of the Company this morning, but he added that due notice would be given to consumers should this step become advisable.

Mr. J. H. Taggart, in referring to the matter, said that from the point of view of shareholders, such action would be regrettable, as any increase in prices would tend to restrict consumption.

Chairman's Speech.
The Manager having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN.

NEW RECORD TOTAL.

London, Mar. 17.
It is disclosed by the Ministry of Labour to-day that the unemployed in Great Britain now total nearly 2,692,000, which is a record since official returns have been compiled.—*Reuter*.

report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1930, have been in your hands for the prescribed period—and with your permission I will take them as read. The net profit after providing £587,165 for depreciation is £1,664,449.70 and with the sum of £102,886.12 brought forward from last account we have £1,767,335.82 for appropriation, and with this we propose:—To pay a dividend of £2.50 per share, absorbing £1,125,000; to place to Reserve, \$600,000; to carry forward to next account \$142,335.82.

The profit on working was less than 1929 by \$25,166 and in view of the increased expenditure generally this may be looked on as a satisfactory result. You will see that depreciation has been increased by some \$38,567 and this has resulted in a net profit showing a decrease of \$66,304 when compared with the previous year.

You will realise that the year just completed has been one of difficulty in many ways, owing to the fall in the value of the dollar and the resultant increase in the cost of salaries and sundry works. As a public utility company we should be loath to increase our charging rates, but as salary compensation to the staff is a very large item in the expenditure owing to the present state of affairs, and as our contract prices for coal and other necessary supplies are greatly increased, there is just the possibility that we may be forced to revise the price of current. Before taking any such step, however, the Company would give consumers reasonable notice.

More Consumers.

Referring again to the figures for 1930, the output was 34,600,000 units and this showed a gratifying increase of some 7 to 8 per cent. The number of consumers also increased by over 2,000, making a total of some 32,677. It was largely owing to these increases that the results shown in the year were as satisfactory as they have turned out to be.

Government rates have increased and are to be further increased in the future.

You will notice that cash at hand and with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was £1,411,798 at the end of 1930, and £1,411,798 at the end of 1930, and £1,411,798 at the end of 1930.

EXPERT ENQUIRY INTO BRITISH EXPENDITURE.

SIR GEORGE MAY HEADS ALL-PARTY GROUP.

ECONOMY DEMANDED.

London, Mar. 17.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in the House of Commons to-day, announced the constitution of the independent committee set up in accordance with a Liberal resolution with the following terms of reference:

"To make recommendations to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for effecting forthwith all possible reductions in national expenditure on supply services, having regard especially to the present prospective position of revenue."

The Prime Minister said that the Government had consulted the other two parties, who concurred in his suggestion that the committee consist of a chairman and six members, two being suggested by each party.

When questions of policy involved in expenditure were under discussion, these would remain for the exclusive consideration of the Cabinet, but the Committee would review and indicate the effect of particular policies upon expenditure.

The chairman will be Sir George May, the prominent Actuary, former Secretary of the Prudential Assurance Company, and a Director of the British Overseas Bank. The six members will be Lord Plender, the famous Past President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, who has assisted in Government inquiries on many occasions; Sir Mark Jenkins, director of Vickers, Ltd., and a costing expert; Sir Thomas Royden, bank, railway, steamship company, and insurance company director; Mr. Ashley Cooper; Mr. Charles Nathan, and Mr. Arthur Pugh.—*British Wireless*.

PREMIER CARPETS RANK AND FILE.

OPPORTUNITY TO REVERSE UNIVERSITY VOTE.

London, Mar. 17.
The House of Commons is to be given an opportunity of reversing its decision against the abolition of University representation during the Report Stage of the Representation of the People Bill.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in a speech at a meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, indicated that the Government would adopt this procedure.

He severely commented upon the absenteeism of Labour members from the House, which contributed to the defeat of the Government, pointing out that the Government could not carry on without the loyal support of the rank and file of the Labour Party.—*Reuter*.

HOOVER'S TRAVEL SERVICE!

MEXICAN PAPER RAISES A QUERY.

Mexico City, Mar. 17.
"Why does President Hoover travel in warships when visiting foreign countries?" asks the newspaper *Excelsior*, referring to the President's forthcoming visit to Porto Rico in the battleship *Arizona*.

"Is it" the journal further queries "because it makes the voyage more significant?"

It is recalled that Mr. Hoover visited South America two years ago aboard a warship.—*Reuter's American Service*.

RUBBER PARLEYS.

DUTCH COMMITTEE GOING TO LONDON.

Amsterdam, Mar. 17.
It is stated that the Dutch Rubber Committee interviewed the Colonial Ministers to-day and have

HONGKONG AIR LINK WITH CROYDON.

SINGAPORE SOON TO BE SERVED.

BRANCH SERVICE NOT IMPOSSIBLE.

TENTATIVE PLAN.

An air mail service between Hongkong and Croydon is gradually approaching the realms of possibility. Imperial Airways are probably extending their service to India to Australia in the near future, touching at Singapore. A branch service from Singapore to Hongkong would appear to be a natural outcome of the completion of the Air Base at Hongkong.

Meanwhile, when the Singapore-Karachi service comes into operation, it will be possible to get a letter to London in from 15 to 17 days, including the time of steamer transit from Hongkong to Singapore.

The announcement regarding the extension of the Imperial Airways service to India was made in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. F. Montague, introducing the Air Estimates.

Tentative Scheme.
A tentative scheme, he said, has been prepared for a weekly air-mail service between Calcutta and Australia, to link up with the existing England-India service.

The scheme has been worked out on the assumption that the stage from Karachi to Calcutta will be operated as an Indian State Service in conjunction with Imperial Airways. The Governments concerned are now considering the proposals.

Programme Arrangements.
On the Air Estimates themselves, Mr. Montague stated that in the forthcoming financial year, three further squadrons would be provided for Home Defence, bringing the strength up to forty-two squadrons, with an approximate first-line strength of about 490 aircraft, of which only two-thirds belong to units of the regular Royal Air Force, the others being auxiliaries.

Mr. Montague added that when the programme for 1931 had been completed, British strength would be ten squadrons fewer than the original scheme authorised for completion by the end of 1930.

Great Britain stood fifth among the air powers of the world.

While British air expenditure had slightly decreased, French outgoings had increased by between one hundred and thirty and one hundred and forty per cent, while the United States air expenditure had increased by between 150 and 160 per cent.

Sir Samuel Hoare's Request.
Sir Samuel Hoare, who was Air Minister in the Conservative Government, urged the Government to press for a general scaling down of air expenditure at the forthcoming disarmament conference at Geneva, and give serious attention to an Anglo-French-Italian agreement to reduce air expenditure in order to avoid an increase in air armaments in the future.

Mr. Montague, in reply, expressed the hope that the question of air disarmament would be satisfactorily settled at the coming Disarmament Conference.

No Competition.
It was quite impossible, he added, to contemplate the beginning of a contest for air supremacy on the part of Britain against other countries, or combinations of countries.

The Air Estimates, the gross total of which is £21,397,000, representing an increase of £350,000 on the previous year, are to be presented to the House.—*Reuter*.

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The Peninsula Hotel adopted
Irish garb last night, when the
recently-formed St. Patrick's
Society held its first ball in honour
of its patron saint.

Among the Colony's prominent
citizens who were present were
H.E. the Governor, Sir William
Peel, Vice-Admiral Sir Howard
and Lady Kelly, Major General
Sandilands, Vice-Admiral B. Herr
and Commodore and Mrs. Walker.

His Excellency and party
arrived shortly before 10 p.m.,
and were met by Col. Myles and Mr.
L. N. Murphy, who conducted
them to the ball room where the
colleens presented a shamrock to
Lady Peel.

President's Speech.

Colonel C. D. Myles, O.B.E.,
speaking at supper, said:—Your
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentle-
men:

In the absence of our President,
Sir Joseph Kemp, it falls to me
to propose the toast of the Patron
Saint. Before I do so, I say
a few words in regard to the
formation of the Society.

Sir Joseph Kemp being on
leave, I was called upon to wear
the "mantle," and though being a
"griffin" and unworthy, I felt I
should do everything possible to
help Irishmen in Hongkong to
form a St. Patrick's Society.
Early in the year, Irish inhabi-
tants were approached on the
subject. All were anxious that
a Society should be formed—ways
and means remained. A general
meeting was held, and a com-
mittee elected. It was decided
to celebrate the Patron Saint's
day with a ball. Sub-committees
were co-opted, and "That's how
we beat the Favourite," and all
who attended the last meeting
of the Hongkong Jockey Club
will realise what we were up
against. Time was limited, en-
thusiasm great, and the precepts
of the couplet "The best way to
lengthen the day, is to borrow a
bit from the night" were strained
to breaking point.

One became an exponent in the
art of the "Chairman's Hat-
Trick." That is to say, to listen
to a report by the musical expert,
write a note to the reception
committee, and criticise our
artists' work simultaneously and
at the same time, became easy.
Sir Boyle Roche's bird was beaten.
One could be in two places and
on one's way to a third at the
same time. There has been a
great deal of work done by the
committee and sub-committees in
the short time at their disposal,
and I feel sure I am voicing the
wishes of the Society when I
offer them our heartiest con-
gratulations and best thanks.

Willing Workers.

Distinctions are invidious, but
one must commend the work done
by Mr. F. P. R. James (Chairman
of the Committee), Mr. G. P.
Murphy and Lieut. P. T. Mahony.
(Joint Secretaries.) They are the
pioneers and "The Three
Muskeeteers" of St. Patrick's
Society.

Others I must commend are:—
Mr. B. H. Collins-Hallows for his
work as treasurer; Mr. Andrew
Harper for his splendid donation
to the funds of the Society and a
gift of Irish Melodies, some of
which you have heard to-night;
The colleens also did their share,
and risking the fate of Paris, I
pass the "Murphy" to:

Miss Peyton, for her excellent
designs. To her we owe our
crest; Mrs. Eldon Potter for sheer
hard work and her design of the
Committee badge; Mrs. Creasy, a
master mind on reception work;
Mrs. Pascoe, our first life mem-

ber, for her work in connexion
with the Decorations and Supper.
Room and Mrs. Scott-Little, our
accomplished musician, for excel-
lent work in connexion with our
music programme.

The basic aims of St. Patrick's

Society, Hongkong, are:

"Charity" and "Goodwill amongst
Irishmen in the East." A good
slogan and worth a special effort.
An annual ball is a very fine
way to bring people into touch
and promote sympathy, but a

liveller and more lasting liaison
is to be found in pursuing sub-
sidiary lines such as sports and
art. Suchlike are required to
follow the spirit of the annual
ball, and thus keep the interest
in the Society alive. I therefore

urge those members of the
Society who have ideas on this
subject to communicate with our
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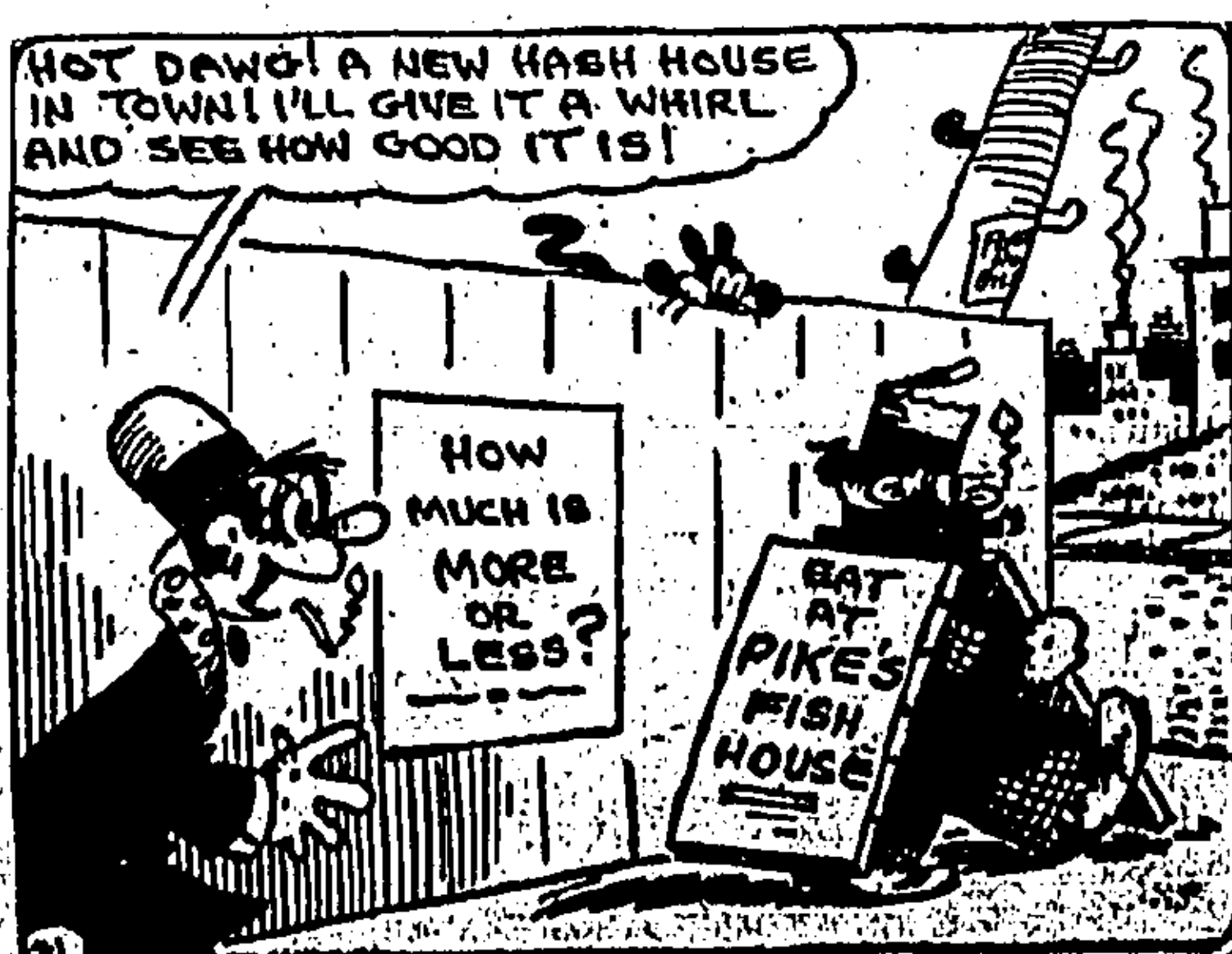
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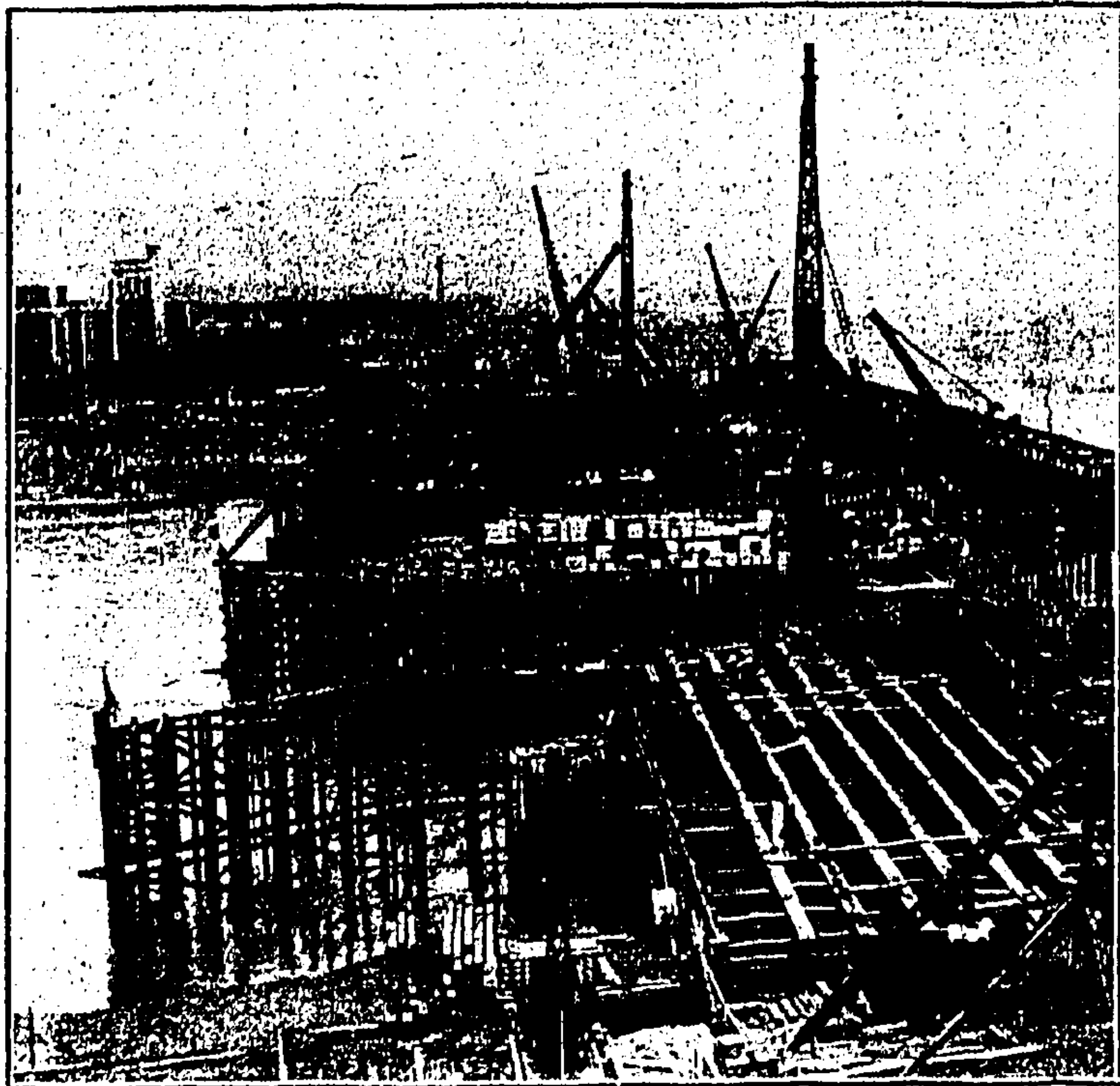


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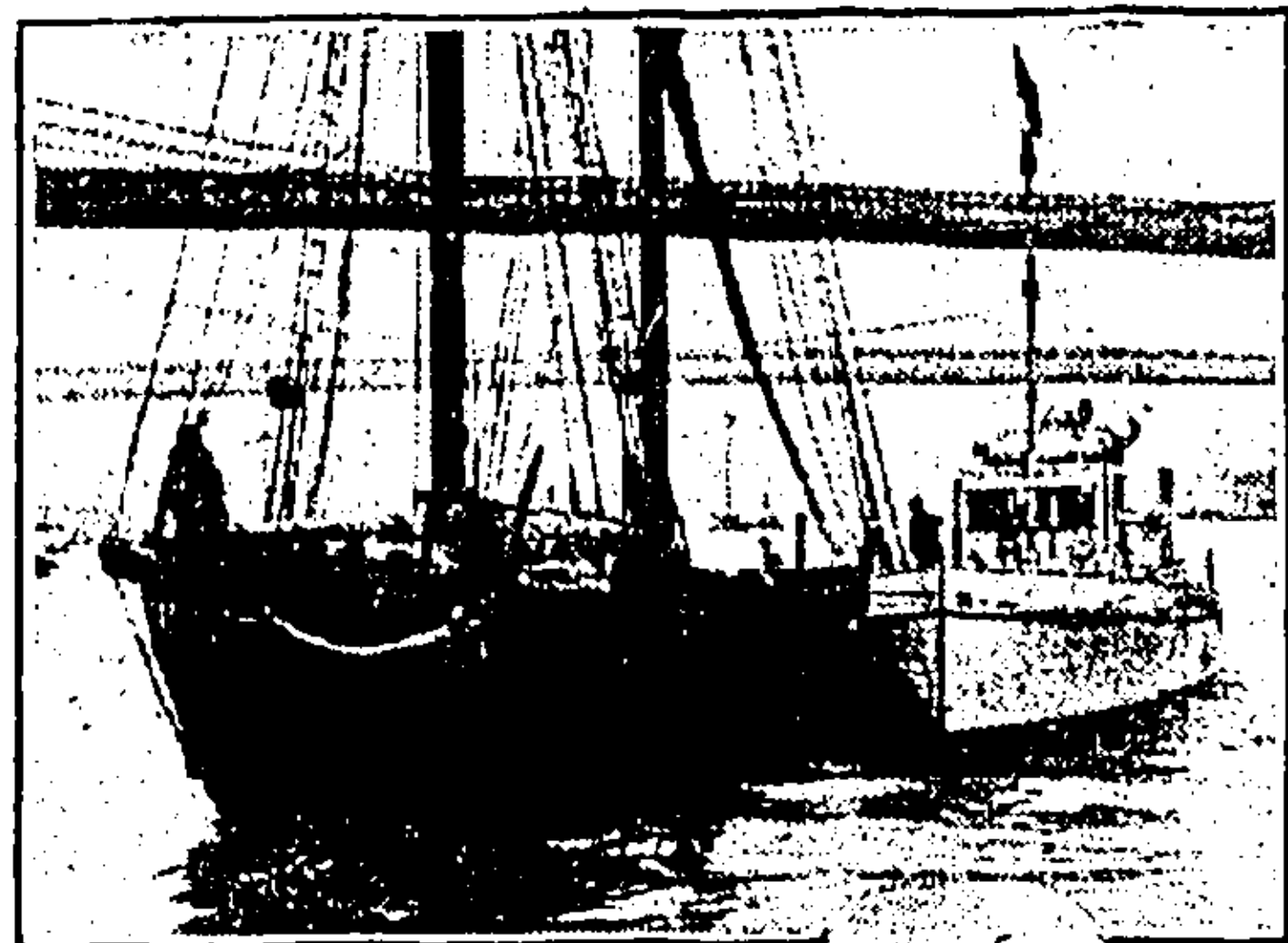




The stage reached in the construction of the new Lambeth Bridge is shown in our picture. On the right is the footbridge, and across the river Lambeth Palace can be seen. When completed the bridge will be a little higher than the old one, which was the lowest across the river. (Times copyright.)



Our picture shows an Osage Indian princess who became the bride of a son of the Chief in exchange for a Ford car, a silk flag and 48 ponies. The complete Osage ritual was employed for the first time in three years.



Captain John Bendiksen, skipper of the "Good Luck" at the top, has sent in a warmly worded protest to Washington following a raid by coastguards who wrecked the vessel, spoiled his fish cargo, and broke her up with bits, braces and crowbars in a vain search for an illicit liquor cargo. He was alleged to be a rum-runner, but no trace of such traffic was forthcoming.



The bones of a mastodon were recently discovered in Indiana. The leg bone which the finder is holding is almost as big as a man's body.



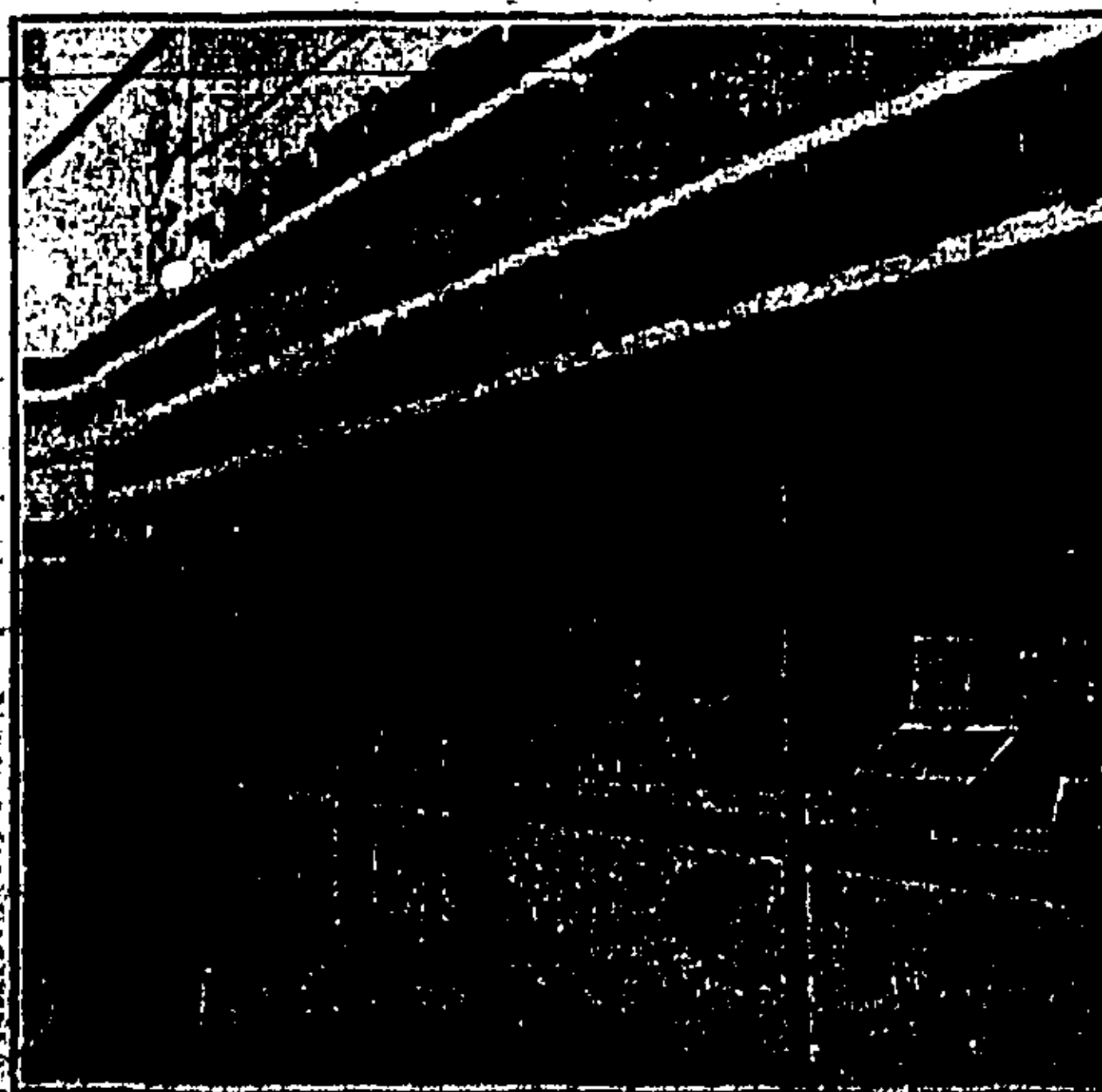
Our picture shows Mrs. F. A. Rowe's pointer Nancoloth Markable, winner of a first prize and championship, at Cruft's Show, held at the Royal Agricultural Hall in London. (Times copyright.)



Many of the finest dogs in the kingdom were on view at Cruft's Show, which was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, London. Our picture shows Mr. M. L. Colahan's Irish setter, Hymany Snipo, winner of three first prizes. (Times copyright.)



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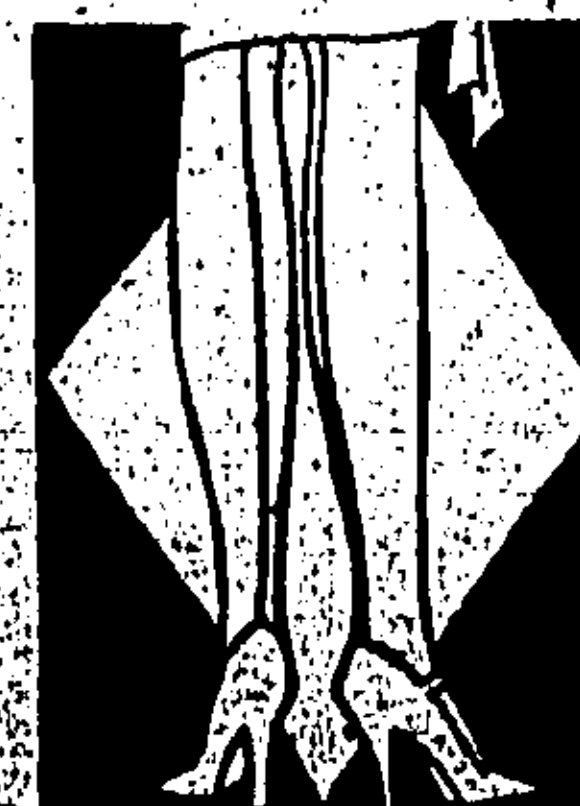
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Twenty Sixth Annual
General Meeting of Shareholders
will be held in the Offices of
Messrs. Dodwell & Company,
Limited, on Tuesday, the 31st
March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the pur-
pose of receiving the report of
the General Managers together
with a statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
23rd March to 31st March, 1931,
both dates inclusive.

DOWELL & CO., LTD.

General Managers.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
HOTELS, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Hong Kong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
of Shareholders of The Hong Kong
and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will
be held at the Registered Office
of the Company (Exchange
Building, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong), on Thursday the 16th
day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m.
for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the
Report of the Board of Directors
for the year ended on the 31st
December, 1930, confirming the
appointment of a Director and re-
electing a Director and the
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, the 1st April, 1931,
until Thursday, the 16th April,
1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY
FOR THE PROTECTION OF
CHILDREN.

What to do to help a child.

Anyone knowing of a child who
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on any matter concerning a
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and expenses borne, by the
Society.

The Informant's name will be
kept strictly private, except in
cases where malice is proved.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice to Shareholders.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDIN-
ARY ANNUAL MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Office of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURS-
DAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT
NOON, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors
and the Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December,
1930.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from Tues-
day, the 16th March, 1931, to
Thursday, the 19th March, 1931,
both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ROPE
MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-seventh Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
in the above Company will be
held at St. George's Building,
Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong,
on Friday, the 27th March, 1931,
at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose
of receiving a Statement of Ac-
counts and the Report of the
Directors for the year ended 31st
December, 1930, and to transact
the ordinary business of the
Company.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be Closed from Satur-
day, 14th March, 1931, until Fri-
day, 27th March, 1931, both days
inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
HOTELS, LTD.

ISSUE OF NEW SHARES.

The Directors of the Hongkong
& Shanghai Hotels, Limited, have
decided to offer the Shares of
the New Issue to those persons
who are registered as Shareholders
at the close of business on the
31st March, 1931, upon terms and
conditions which will be set out in
the Form of Offer.

For THE HONGKONG &
SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

F. C. BARRY,

Secretary.

THE HONGKONG AND
WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
will be held in the Office of the
Company, 2, Queen's Building,
Hongkong, on MONDAY, 30th
March, 1931, at noon, for con-
sideration of the Directors' Report
and Statement of Accounts for the
year ending 31st December, 1930.
THE SHARE REGISTER and
TRANSFER BOOKS will be
CLOSED from the 23rd to the 30th
March, 1931, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Direc-
tors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD
STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-fifth Ordinary Year-
ly Meeting of the Shareholders in
the Company will be held at the
Company's Town Office 2 Lower
Albert Road, on Wednesday, the
18th March, 1931 at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report
of the Directors together with
Statement of Accounts, declaring
a Dividend and re-electing Direc-
tors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from the 7th
to the 18th March 1931, both days
inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-second Ordinary
General Meeting of Shareholders
will be held at the Offices of the
undersigned on Thursday, the 26th
March, 1931, at Noon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of
the General Managers, together
with a statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st December,
1930.

The Share Register and Transfer
Books will be closed from the 12th
to the 26th March, 1931, both days
inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON &
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General Managers.

The Hongkong Fire Insurance

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

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all O. A.'s wishing to attend send
in their names to the undersigned.

S. E. Edgar.

P. O. Box No. 599.

HONG KONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Third Yearly Drawing of 20
Debentures (1928 Issue—\$500.
each) of the Hong Kong Club.
Payable on Wednesday, the 30th
September, 1931, will be held in
the Club House, at 11 o'clock a.m.,
on Friday, the 20th March, 1931.
Bidders of Debentures are in-
vited to attend the Drawing.

By order,

T. A. ROBERTSON,

Lieut. Col.

Secretary.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Competitors are requested to
note that a complete list of
matches fixed for the current
week is on view in the Club
Pavilion on every Monday, and
that they should make themselves
acquainted with the dates on
which they are down to play.
Ties in the Handicap Events are
now being arranged.

E. J. R. MITCHELL,

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of inspection through all stages of
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onwards. He claimed that ac-
cidents attributable to faults in
workmanship or material had
been reduced to the very rarest
occurrence, and that the system of
inspection had combined with the
quality of British workmanship to
place the British aircraft industry
in a paramount position.

Turning to other developments
in civil aviation, he said the
opening of the northern section of
the route from Cairo to Cape
Town was a matter for congrat-
ulation. Before the end of the
month, the whole of the route would
be in operation, and would ulti-
mately be linked by feeder lines
from many vast and wealthy un-
developed areas.

Anglo-Italian Convention.

In connexion with this service,
and the service to India, which
were both fed by the service from
London to Egypt, he was happy to
announce that by the terms of the
Anglo-Italian Convention pro-
visionally agreed, the Imperial
Airways were granted permission
to operate with land planes via
Milan, Rimini and Brindisi. As-
suming the London-Egypt service
reverted to the Italian route, the
journey between London and Cape
Town would ultimately take ten
and half days.

The proposed British air ser-
vices in the West Indies and be-
tween the West Indies and Canada
had been divided into two sections,
the first covering West Indian
Islands and penetrating into
British Guiana, and the second, a
weekly service between Trinidad
and Montreal by way of Bermuda.
The scheme depended upon the co-
operation of Canada and negotia-
tions were proceeding.

Mr. Montague said that until
the report of the Simon Commission
had been considered, any attempt
to discuss the future airship policy
would be premature.—*Reuter and
British Wireless.*

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2025 b.

Chartered Bank £16½ n.

Mercantile A. and B., £24½ n.

East Asia £11½ b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$1360 b.

Union Ins., \$630 b.

China Underwriters, \$3.60 b.

China Fires, \$635 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$1335 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$25 b.

H. K. Steamboats, \$26 b.

Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.

Union Waterboats, \$37 sa.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10 b.

Kallans, 35/- n.

Shai Explorations, £15 5/4 n.

Rauks \$38 s. x. Div.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 s.

Whampoa Docks, \$30 sa.

South China Motors \$10 n.

China Providents, \$5.20 s. (old).

Hongkows, £1.24 b.

New Engineers, £1.63 b.

Shanghai Docks, £1.10 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton Tls, 14.50 b.

Shai Cotton Tls, 99 b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and H. Hotels, \$12.90 sa.

H. K. Land \$35 b.

Shai Land Tls, 412 n.

Humphreys, \$16.80 sa.

Realities, \$5.80 b.

Public Utilities.

Twoamways, \$17.70 s.

Peak Trams, (old) \$14½ n.

Star Ferries, \$88 b.

China Lights, (old) \$24½ s.

H. K. Electric, \$80½ b.

Telephones, \$42½ b.

China Buses, Tls. 18½ n.

Singapore Tractors, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 89 eta. n.

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INTERESTING ADDRESS TO ROTARY CLUB.

An address on the activities of the Institute of Pacific Relations, and a short history of its growth, was delivered by Dr. David Z. T. Yui, General Secretary, National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. in China, at a meeting of the Hongkong Rotary Club, which was held in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant yesterday, under the chairmanship of Sir William Hornell.

Dr. Yui made it clear that the Institute had nothing to do with either the Pan-Pacific Union or the Y.M.C.A., but by means of researches and conferences, they hoped to help towards finding solution to the important problems concerning countries bordering the Pacific. He also announced that the next conference was to be held at Hangchow, between October 21 and November 4, this year.

COMPANY REPORT.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO.

The report of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., up to 31st December 1930, states:

1929 Account.—This Account shows a surplus of \$593,587.77, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:—To pay a dividend of \$50 per share, \$400,000; To pay an "Exchange" Bonus of \$10 per share, \$80,000; To add to Reinsurance Fund \$211,167.77, \$113,587.77.

Note.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee wish it to be understood that the continuance or otherwise of the above bonus, in the whole or in part, will depend entirely on exchange.

1930 Account.—The balance at credit of this Account is \$769,908.61. Consulting Committee.—Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, T. E. Pearce and A. H. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Hincham & Matthews and Percy Smith, Smith & Fleming who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Penbreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 6/11 up 1d.
May 1931 6/12 up 1d.
August 1931 6/34 up 1d.
December 1931 6/7½ up 1d.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.58 up 4 pts.
May 1931 1.27 up 4 pts.
July 1931 1.25 up 4 pts.
September 1931 1.42 up 3 pts.
December 1931 1.50 up 3 pts.

Samarang (17/3/31).—Trust have withdrawn premium on sales for Dutch East Indies and Straits Settlements. Present limits (Old Crop) Whites 18.25, Browns 17.25.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

SIR ARNOLD FAILS TO GET ELECTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 17.
The elections to the Municipal Council of the International Settlement have resulted as follows:—
Mr. K. Fukushima, 1,986 votes.
Mr. O. Okamoto, 1,086.
Brigadier General E. B. Macnaghten, 957.
Mr. Sheppard, 932.
Mr. J. W. Carney (American), 831.
Mr. A. J. Hughes, 872.
Mr. N. S. Brown, 760.
Mr. A. B. Hall, 857.
Mr. F. J. Raven (American), a new candidate, 757.
The only unsuccessful candidate was Mr. C. H. Arnold (British), who had 596 votes.—*Reuter*.



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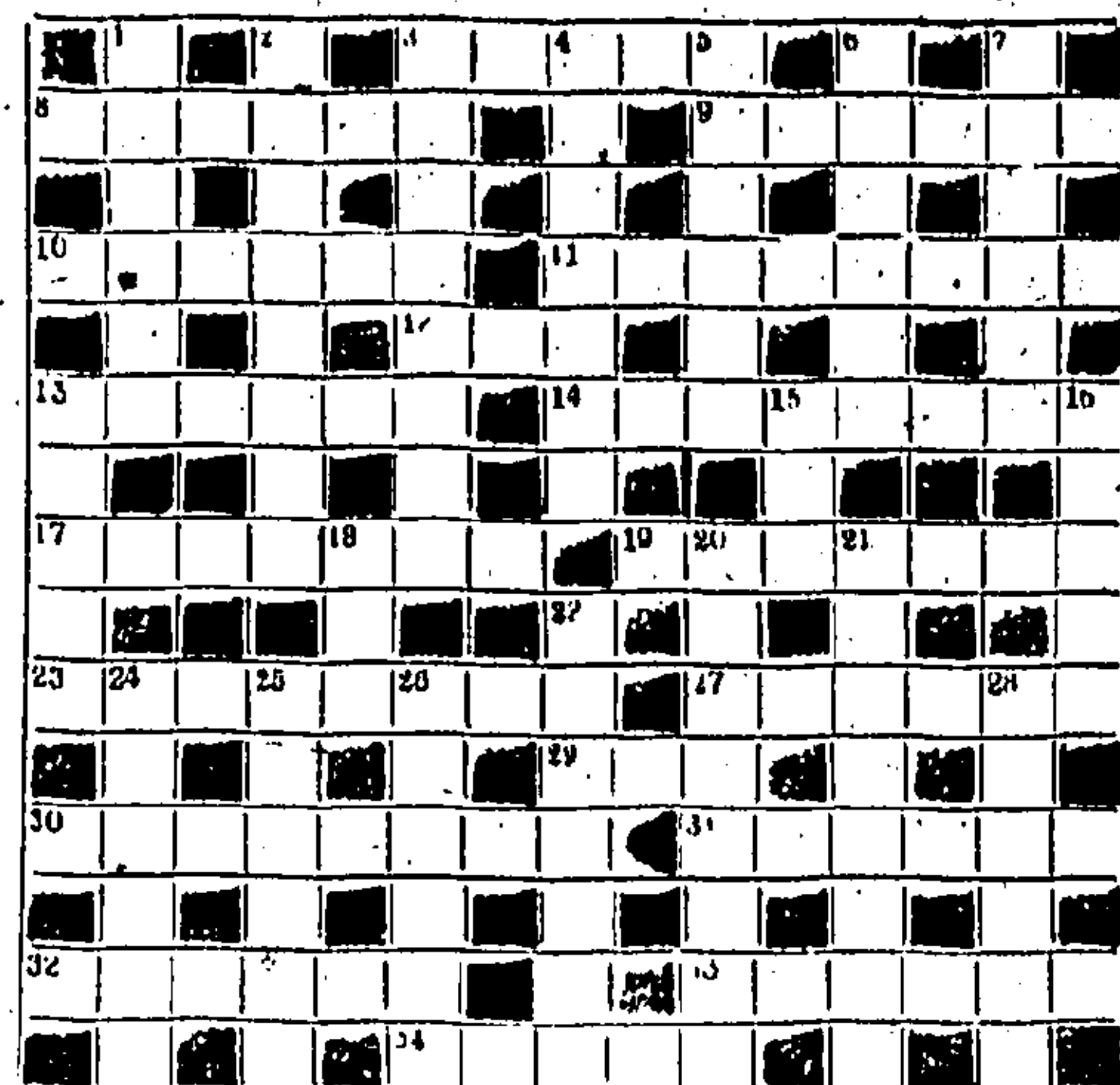
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OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 3 Probably the most loquacious part of a flower.
- 8 He passed by on the other side.
- 9 These associates are nearly all lies.
- 10 A medium much used by artists.
- 11 He must have a thick skin—he never knows what he'll hear.
- 12 This one is always an 11 across if possible.
- 13 Pressing.
- 14 The fox-shark—active after harvest home.
- 17 The man you meet at the entrance to this country may be too much for you if caught.
- 18 The son of Terah.
- 20 Perfumes.
- 27 "Leave not in Corinth a living one—A priest at her—, a chief in her halls."—Byron, "Selge of Corinth."
- 29 Taken in the course of a journey.
- 30 The complement of 11 across.
- 31 A deed about fifty-five, executed by Adam.
- 32 This small hound has a tail like a bird.
- 33 Eaten late.
- 34 The wife of 19 across.

Down

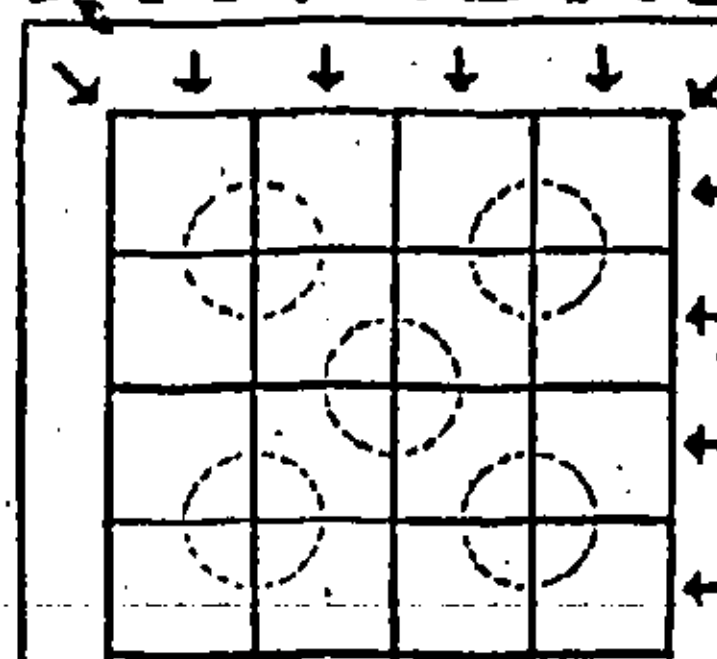
- 1 A brilliant visitor who makes a very hurried call.
- 2 Here I am with men bound in lint, and give simple first aid.
- 3 A needlewoman my dictionary tells me—in spite of the termination.
- 4 A clerical assistant.
- 5 A one-time emperor who owed his name to Caesar.

- 6 Tools that are always in pairs.
- 7 Pretty bad, and very much cut.
- 13 Loosen.
- 15 Perhaps this part of a terrier's make-up accounts for its straying.
- 16 The noisier these are the more children enjoy them.
- 18 The end of every pawn.
- 20 Wave about.
- 21 Insect, run away!—that's a graceful one.
- 22 "Also King Lewis the Tenth, who was sole heir to the—Capet."—"King Henry V."
- 24 Top coverings that are always more or less late.
- 25 Infuriate.
- 26 Blots on the face of nature.
- 28 Describes that portion of the Nile wherein Moses was discovered.

Yesterday's Solution

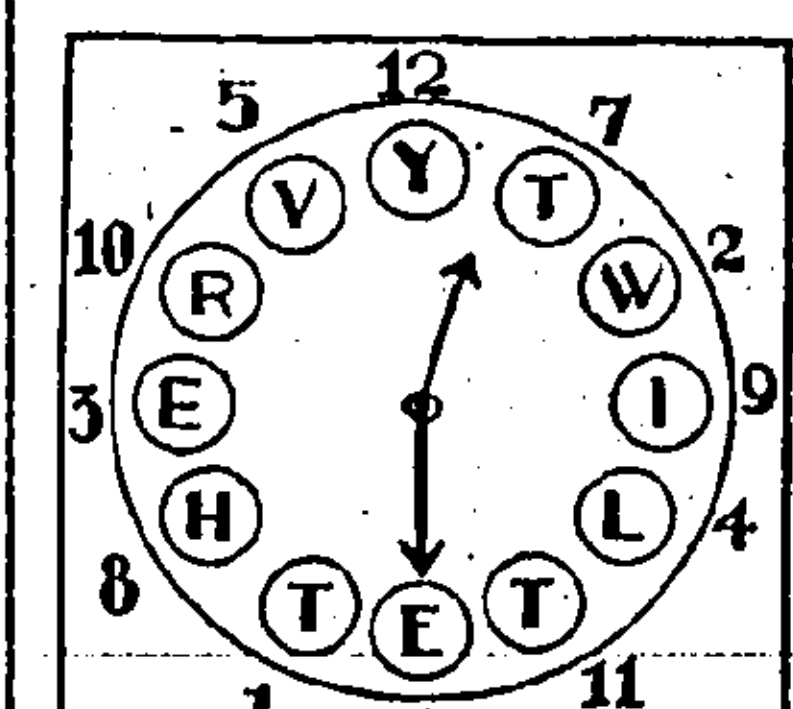
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STICKERS



By placing the numbers 1 to 16 in the proper squares in the diagram above, each horizontal, vertical and diagonal line and each of the five sections of four squares, indicated by the dotted circles, will add to 34. In other words, you can add to 34 fifteen different ways.

Yesterday's Solution



By starting to count at the letter T, that is just to the right of the Y, and counting seven letters around the clock, clockwise, you come to another letter T. Continuing the seven count around and around the clock you finally spell out the two words TWELVE THIRTY. The numbers indicate the order in which the letters are reached.

A TRIBUTE TO SIR CHARLES ELIOT.

GATHERING AT THE H.K. UNIVERSITY.

"Sir Charles Elliot was a great scholar and a great gentleman," said the Vice-Chancellor of Hongkong University (Sir William Hornell) at a meeting which was held yesterday afternoon in the Great Hall, of members of the University. He moved the following resolution: "That the members of the University of Hongkong in this meeting assembled, while deploring the

death of its first Vice-Chancellor and the loss to the world of a great scholar, desire to place on record their consciousness of the debt which the University owes to Sir Charles Elliot, their regret at his untimely death, and their gratitude to his memory. The meeting instructs the Vice-Chancellor to convey to Sir Charles Elliot's nearest relatives the University's sympathy with them in their loss." The motion was passed by those present standing silently for a while, after which the Vice-Chancellor declared the meeting closed and expressed thanks to those who had attended.

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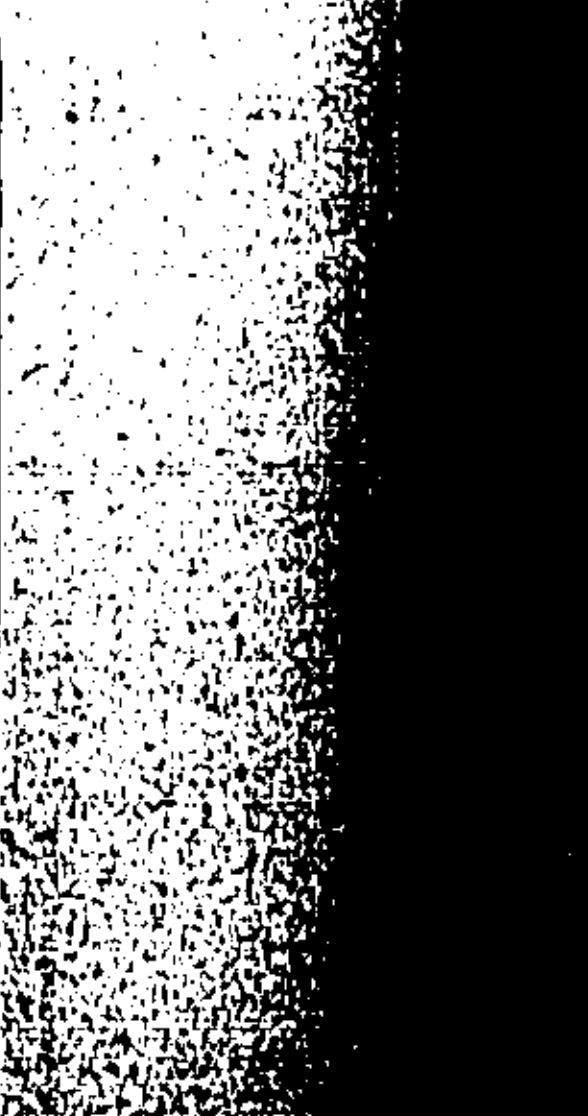
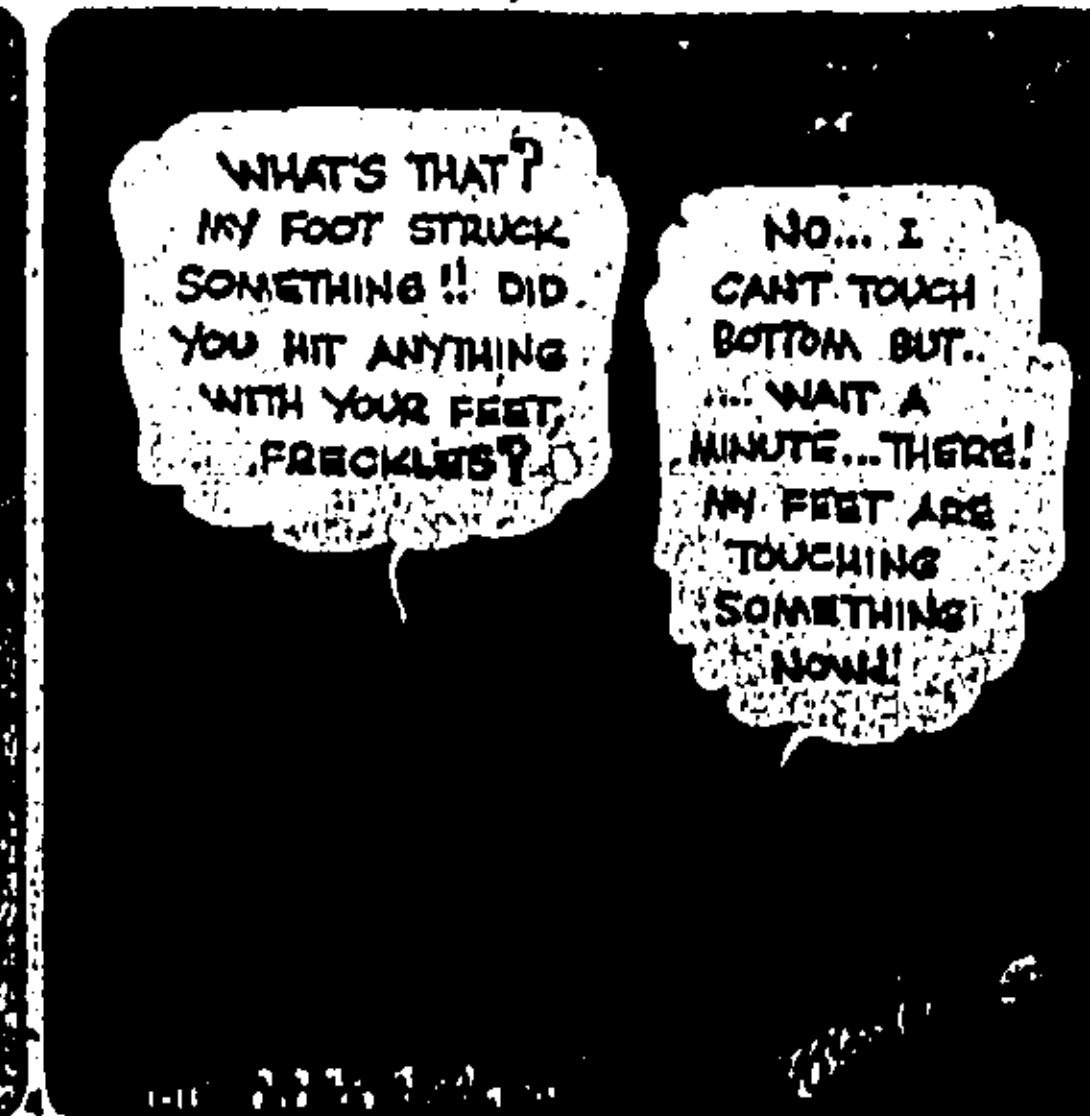
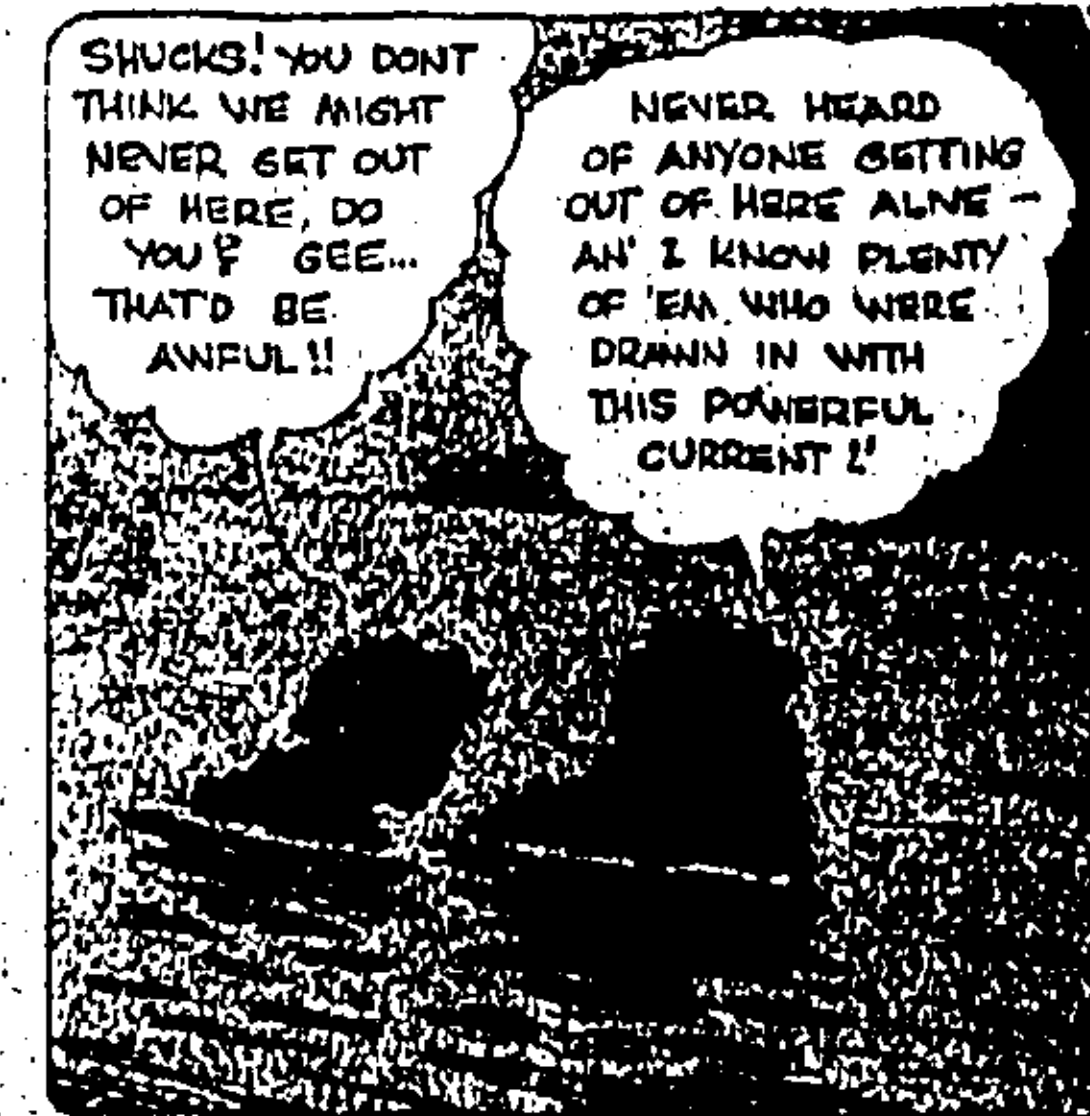
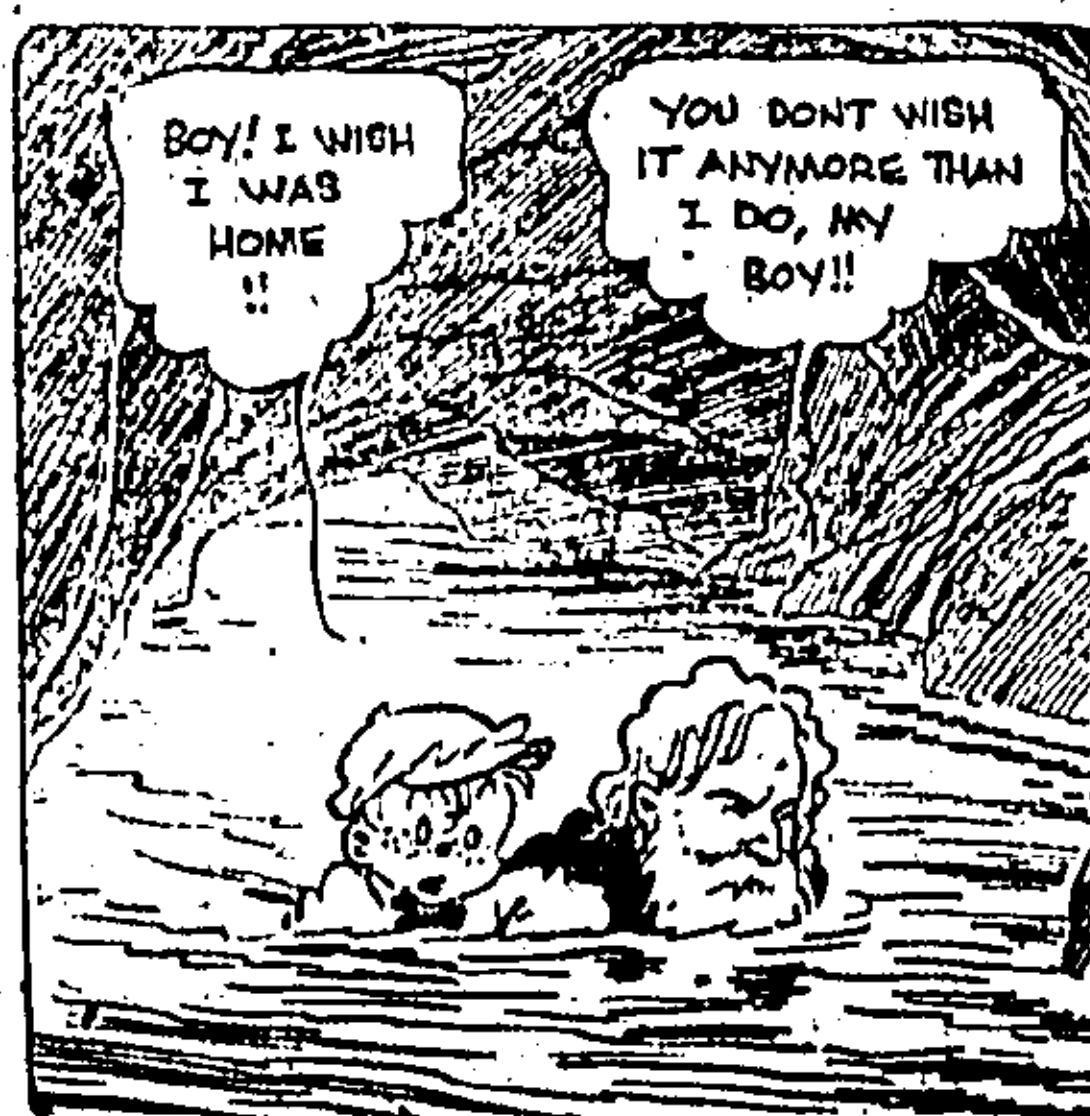
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LIBERAL-LABOUR
FRICTION.

Liberal-Labour relations are not likely to be improved by the rejection of the clause in the Representation of the People Bill which aimed at the abolition of University franchise. Contrary to expectation, a sufficient number of Liberals voted against the Government to secure the defeat of the clause. Eleven in number, and including Sir John Simon, they turned the scales against the proposal, which was lost by the narrow margin of four votes. Inasmuch as the Bill embodying the clause was introduced as a concession to the Liberals, it is not surprising that the Labourites are incensed at this turn of events. There is, of course, no question of the Government resigning, but the Prime Minister is evidently in the mood to warn the Liberals that when they enter into a co-operative understanding with the Government, they are expected to give the Administration a reasonable measure of support. The absence of Labour members also contributed to the Government defeat, but the issue is now apparently to be reopened.

It is to be presumed that the Liberals who voted against the clause belong to the Right Wing of the Party, men whose outlook is closer to that of the Conservatives than to the views of the majority of their own faction. In principle, University representation is an anachronism in a democratic country, for which reason one would have expected all genuine Liberals to have favoured its abolition. As we pointed out a few days ago, the system does not operate in such a manner that residents of a University select some scholarly man to represent them in Parliament; the franchise is held by all who have ever had a University education, whether they be clergymen, schoolmasters or those who have left the Old Country and gone to other parts of the Empire or even some foreign land. All told, there are some 120,000 men and women so qualified, and between them they have the privilege of returning no fewer than twelve members. Oxford and Cambridge each select two, as also do the other Combined English Universities. Scotland gets three seats, whilst London, Wales and Belfast each return one member. It is interesting to note that in the cases of Oxford, the Combined Universities and the

Scottish Universities, the proportional representation system is operated. To show how it works, let us cite the experience of Oxford at the last General Election. There were three candidates for the two seats, and at the first poll Lord Hugh Cecil claimed 6,012 votes, Professor Gilbert Murray 3,277 and Sir Charles Oman 2,174. The quota necessary for election was 3,822, and as Lord Hugh Cecil received more votes than he needed, the second votes of his surplus papers were distributed according to the proportional representation system. The result was that Sir Charles Oman, who had been at the bottom of the poll on the first vote, jumped into second place with a total of 4,122, whilst Professor Gilbert Murray, who was only 545 votes short of the quota on the first polling, registered only 3,529 on the second count and was therefore not elected. An interesting example, this, of how the system, which is not to be confused with the Alternative Vote, works out in practice.

To revert to the general question, this relic of the past, in the way of special panels of voters, is at conflict with the spirit of the times. There is no logical reason why a man or woman, merely because of a University education, should be entitled to an extra vote, and certainly none why, if resident abroad and contributing in no way to the nation's taxes, he should have a voice in selecting members of the House of Commons. There are, however, a few Liberals sufficiently old-fashioned in outlook to support the system. These may be expected eventually to gravitate towards Conservatism, just as the Left Wing of the Party must drift into the Labour fold. Recent bye-elections, in fact, continue to indicate the probability that Liberalism as a separate entity has about had its day. It will be surprising if it survives the next General Election as a factor to be reckoned with.

National Government.

Mr. Snowden's outspoken economy speech has roused Mr. J. L. Garvin to another and more vigorous plea for a National Government in Britain. He argues, not without some justification, that if the rival parties are allowed to go on for another two years with their conventional game of mutual paralysis, they will do more injury to the common interest than can ever be repaired. Mr. Snowden, he says, spoke like a skeleton at the feast. Mr. Churchill, in his broadest comic vein was more like a jester at a funeral, while Mr. Lloyd George sought to out-banter the Conservative Yorick and at the same time rebuke the Snowden skeleton. What, he asks, is the good of it all? Mr. Snowden in himself is honest and courageous. But the mass of his party are against him and never can he make his followers the instrument of an economy campaign or of sound national reorganisation in any respect. Recent bye-elections show that the country as a whole is shockingly apathetic. The electors have no use for any of the parties. They are tired of Labour, but while disillusioned, are anything but enamoured of the alternative, a Conservative Government. The only solution of the three-party muddle, therefore, is a coalition during the existing emergency. Mr. Garvin suggests Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as Premier, with Lord Reading, Mr. Lloyd George, Sir John Simon, Mr. Baldwin, Lord Beaverbrook, Mr. Churchill and Sir Oswald Mosley included in his Cabinet. The combination (a remarkable mixture of antagonisms) would, he says, be formed on a definite programme for a limited term. Not to say for how limited a term such a combination could work together on any programme. Ignoring this point, however, there is another formidable hurdle to be crossed. The tariff issue. How it could be negotiated we are at loss to suggest. In the first place, the Conservatives would have to abandon their obstinate and deluded bigotry. In the second the Labour and Liberal leaders would be obliged to cast aside their fiscal

DAY BY DAY

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT, THE SIL-
LIEST WOMAN CAN MANAGE A
CLEVER MAN, BUT IT NEEDS A VERY
CLEVER WOMAN TO MANAGE A FOOL.
—Rudyard Kipling.

Sir Arthur and Lady Currie left by the a.s. President Madison yesterday.

Sir Robert Ho Tung left for Shanghai and North of China this morning by the Tatsuta Maru.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys left for Vancouver by the a.s. Empress of Russia to-day. Paymaster Commander and Mrs. D. S. Lambert were also passengers.

Whilst travelling on the Solar Star, of the Star Ferry Company, at 2.30 p.m. yesterday, Mr. T. V. Harmon found a sum of money which has been handed over to the Water Police awaiting a claimant.

Amongst the passengers who left by the a.s. Antenor to-day were Mrs. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Bell, Capt. O. H. Farrer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Macfarlane, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Strellett, and Mr. and Mrs. L. de Rome.

As a result of being knocked down by a public motor car outside his house at 178, Queen's Road, West, a Chinese youth named Chan Wah-pui, aged 16, received injuries to his spine and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. He subsequently succumbed.

The body of a newly-born child was removed to the Kowloon Mortuary from Cedar Street, Shamshipo, and on a post mortem examination being made it was discovered that the infant had been strangled, there being indications that it had lived for a short period after birth. A piece of cloth was found tied over its nostrils and mouth, with another piece around its neck.

In a report to the police yesterday, a married woman of 3, Wah Wun Street, stated that a man went to her house with a letter purporting to have been sent by her husband at Lee Gardens requesting certain articles of clothing enumerated in the letter. Garments to the total value of \$30 were handed over but it was subsequently found that the letter was false.

The mistress of a passenger boat has reported to the police that at 7.30 p.m. yesterday, whilst her craft was being rowed out of the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter, it collided with the steam launch Chung Ching, the latter and two passengers being thrown into the water. They were rescued by other sampans, none the worse for their experience. No damage was caused to the sampan.

ideas to the extent of imposing a tariff for revenue. Such a tariff would be a necessary first principle of any National Government, and there is one point worthy of consideration in this connexion. The Conservatives will probably gain a working majority at the next election whenever it may be. They will certainly attempt to introduce a Protectionist system. Their tariff will be exposed to attack and possible breaches at every subsequent election, and industry would be cast from pillar to post, gaining no opportunity to settle down. If we must have a tariff in the next two or three years, and everything points that way, it might just as well be approved by all concerned, and continue, varied according to requirements, until Britain is herself again.

The Importance of
Being Nobody.

By ROSITA FORBES.

THERE are innumerable disadvantages in being poor. Realising some of these, volitions tentatively suggest that the impecunious have vested rights in the kingdom of heaven. Of this, every man must judge for himself, but if the rich inherit bonds, real estate, income tax and death duties, it is the poor who inherit the earth. For only the poor can travel.

The rich man merely changes the view outside the plate-glass windows of Pullmans and Palace hotels. When he goes abroad he takes with him as much of England as his valet can pack into his excellent British suitcase. Acutely aware of being Somebody, he expects his person to be recognised and his cheque-book appreciated and his cheque of talking to the man in the street, in the train, aboard the boat, for he does not want to give and it does not occur to him that he might receive.

Consequently he never learns the other person's point of view, unless that person happens to be unimpeachably unholstered by the figures of his bank balance or guaranteed by an official position. This is where the importance of being Nobody comes in. The ordinary man, if he has enough gumption to travel hard and so keep his eyes open about England in a foreign town than Downing-street can visualise in five years of office. For travel serves to illustrate what is happening at home.

In the Victoria era Great Britain was an example to the rest of the world. To-day she is a warning. Long ago, a host of ordinary men went out and made an empire. They did it all on their own, without official help or countenance. They carved dominions out of the jungle, and they made out of the oceans highways connecting, not divided, the newly settled colonies. It is time that another generation of ordinary men went out and saw for themselves what is the position of England to-day in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Here at home we are obsessed by the necessity of appealing to an electorate which has never been taught to consider the final results of its actions. As busily and as short-sightedly as ants we are creating two vested interests, to which every future Government will be forced to make new concessions in order to gain the ever-increasing vote of pensioners and unemployed.

Like Russia, we are obsessed by a vision of equality, and to achieve this illusion we have spent since 1918 rather more than the amount devoted during the previous four years to destruction.

The power of production is the only valuable asset which any country possesses, and in our country producers are taxed beyond any possibility of profit to support the dead-weight of bureaucracy and idleness. We have been amused by the American experiment of Prohibition. We have laughed at bootlegging as a vested

interest, backed by politicians and unions, but racketeers are less dangerous to the stamina of a nation than a vast horde of pensioners, sapping the vitality of the trade on which it lives. America, faced with the same problems of unemployment and depression, cries, "Look at England!" and, warned by our impossible financial conditions, refuses to legislate for a crisis in which she believes the individual should act for himself. Consequently, while England is sinking gently into the danger of all states, an apathetic acceptance of decay, America, in the person of each individual citizen, is settling to work again under harder conditions, with no hope of immediate profit. Convinced that the slump is only temporary she refuses to mortgage her future.

But the ordinary traveller who has packed his insularity, his superiority complex, and his national self-consciousness into a parcel and left it in the cloak-room at Victoria Station need not judge by America alone. He can watch the thrifty Frenchman, in factory or on farm, measuring his expenditure so that, eventually, the savings in the family stocking may enable him to become proprietor, owning the roof under which he lives. He can observe the comparative simplicity which satisfies the merchant princes of Lyons and Lille, whose post-war profits have been devoted to the modernisation of their factories.

He can go farther afield and study anywhere between Bulgaria and Belgium the practical economies by which the growing nations are solving the problems that defeat us. The first thing he will note is the tendency to legislate for the worker rather than the workless, to encourage individual initiative rather than to shackle it with union limitations, and to give every citizen a stake in his own country by graded taxation to which even the labourer contributes, so that he is legitimately and personally concerned in all questions of national expenditure. By the time the ordinary traveller returns to Dover he will have realised that, with the exception of Russia, England is the only country in the world which, ostrich-wise, prefers to bury its head in the sand of uneconomic legislation instead of clearing away the mess by the exercise of common sense.

It is time that we stopped spending what we haven't got and piling up liabilities out of all proportion to our assets.

It is time that we nobodies raised their voices lest, within our own generation, the Empire on which we depend for our position among the Great Powers reluctantly breaks away from a rotting centre. For no great man has yet had the courage to forget the vote in the interests of the nation, and to preach hard thinking and hard working in lieu of a political miracle.

What to Do
With a Cold.

By Dr. Leonard Williams.

AN international committee of medical men which has been sitting in Paris for the express purpose of studying the common cold has issued a report which contains some conclusions that at first sight may seem rather surprising.

One is that men with bald heads are less liable to colds than those with a normal crop; another, that blondes are more susceptible than brunettes; a third, that since women have taken to light and loose clothing they are practically immune from the troublesome affections of the upper air-passages which reduced their mothers to heaps of misery regularly every winter.

Among his other revelations, the Whirligig of Time has reversed the old injunction which bade us to feed a cold and starve a fever; to-day we feed fevers and starve colds.

The origin of the ordinance appears to be lost in the mists of antiquity. We know that it held undisputed sway until the beginning of the nineteenth century when, in so far as the starvation of fevers was concerned, it was vigorously attacked by a Dublin physician called Robert Graves (1792-1853).



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SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

It was intimated by Mr. J. P. Warren, in presiding at the annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., this morning, that the recent increase in the price of milk was necessitated by the fall in exchange, and that the increase made does not cover the additional costs of production. It may therefore be found necessary to consider a further increase unless there is an early improvement in exchange.

A very successful year was reported, it being stated that the balance of profit had only once previously been surpassed, this being in 1927, an abnormal year owing to the presence of additional troops in the Colony.

Reference was also made to the increased sales of milk especially amongst the Chinese.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time and I propose, with your permission, to take them as read. Your Directors are pleased to submit what, in their opinion, is a satisfactory statement of the year's working. The balance of profit shown this year has only once previously been surpassed and that was in 1927 which was really an abnormal year owing to the presence of additional troops in the Colony. One of the outstanding features of this year's working is the increase in milk sales which is most gratifying to all concerned as it shows that the public, particularly the Chinese, are beginning to realize the absolute necessity of milk in their diet and furthermore that discrimination is necessary with regard to the source of supply.

The profit on working for the year amounts to \$593,507.83, depreciation on buildings and plant has been allowed for on the same scale as last year to the extent of \$145,918.04, and \$15,000 has been placed to the credit of Bad and Doubtful Debts Reserve Account. You will note from the Profit and Loss Account that there is a reduction of \$19,000 in dividends on investments as compared with last year's figure; this is due entirely to the fact that the Company in Shanghai, in which we are interested, paid a smaller dividend this year.

Distribution of Profit.

The balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account amounts to \$327,364.53 which with the sum of \$24,054.41 brought forward from last year's account makes a total of \$351,418.94 for appropriation.

Your Directors recommend dealing with same as follows:—Payment of a dividend of \$1.50 per share on 200,000 shares, absorbing \$300,000; to add to General Reserve, \$20,000; carry forward \$31,418.94; with which I trust shareholders will concur.

If you will refer to the balance sheet you will find amongst the liabilities two items each for \$867,880. These represent the payments received to the 31st December last on the 48,934 new shares applied for up to that date. The Item Application Account, New Shares Issue, will be transferred to Capital Account in the 1931 Accounts but the Item Premium on Shares, representing the premium of \$7.50 per share on these shares will remain as a reserve in the accounts until such time as it is considered necessary or advisable to utilize it.

In view of the excellent results shown I feel sure that you will endorse a bonus of 10% to the staff on their salaries in recognition of the hard work and loyal support given. When on the subject of the staff I should like to mention that Mr. C. Makelham who served the Company faithfully and well for the past 36 years retired from the Company's service during the year and has settled down in Australia, where, I am sure we all hope he will be long spared to enjoy his retirement.

Dollar Fall Result.

Like all other concerns in the Colony we have been forced to raise the price of our commodities as a result of the fall in exchange. Fresh milk, for the first time since 1920, has been increased in price but only to the extent of one cent per bottle. This reflects creditably on the policy followed whereby all animals are withdrawn from the herd immediately they become unprofitable. Our herd, thanks to this policy and to the scientific feeding methods adopted, is now

giving results which were almost unthought of 10 years ago. Unfortunately, however, production costs have increased to an alarming extent and it was therefore found necessary to raise our milk prices in order to cover the additional expenditure. I may say that the increase made does not now cover the additional costs in production and we may find it necessary to consider a further increase unless there is an early improvement in exchange.

Cattle and Pigs.

Cattle.—I have much pleasure in again being able to report that the herd is in very fine condition and that no outbreaks of contagious disease occurred during the year. 160 head of young animals were immunized successfully against rinderpest with only one death, for which result our Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. Watson, is to be commended. To cope with the extraordinary milk demand during the summer months, we placed an order in British Columbia for 100 dairy cows to land here at the beginning of this year; 80 of these have already arrived safely and have fully met our specifications and the balance is due on or about 20th inst. The wastage of our herd for 1930, due to sales and deaths was 17.38%; which compares favourably with the Home figure, as per latest statistics to hand, of 25% under normal conditions. Total herd on 31st December numbered 825 head.

Pigs.—This herd now numbers 1,748 head and the usual good results are being obtained, over 100 breeding sows producing and rearing an average of 16 pigs per sow per year. The most serious disease to be contended with here is swine-fever, of which we have had some experience, and this is likely to recur since we are adjacent to uncontrolled surroundings. 15 head of pedigree pigs, representing three different breeds, are now en route from England, a change of strain being necessary. The new system of breeding pens, as reported in my speech of last year, has proved all and more than was expected of it, consequently future extensions will be made on similar lines.

Poultry and Vegetables.

Poultry.—Our egg-producing flock has proved a very disappointing venture, since disease has taken its toll. It appears that surrounding districts have been infected with different poultry diseases and serious loss is reported. We have not given up hope, however, and a number of birds have just been imported from Canada.

Vegetable Garden.—We have found that there is an undoubted demand for good fresh vegetables grown under hygienic and up-to-date methods, particularly vegetables suitable for salads, and a considerable extension has just been made to our garden area. With the experience obtained we hope to have much improved results in the future.

Ice.—This commodity has been in good demand throughout the year.

Building Extension.

Buildings.—At our East Point Ice Works, an extension of two cold store rooms was completed during the year and these have been fully occupied. Over these two rooms Chinese staff quarters were erected and are filling a much-felt want. Part of our Town depot buildings, in which we are now situated, has been under reconstruction and should be completed in another month. The result of this will be much needed and improved accommodation both for the office and butchery. Our farm buildings are in excellent condition. A depot was opened at Kowloon Tong last Spring and has proved a boon to residents there.

In conclusion I would again extend to our shareholders and customers an invitation to visit the Farm in order to see our live stock. I can assure them of a hearty welcome.

I now beg to propose that the report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions Shareholders may wish to ask.

The adoption of the report and statement of accounts was seconded by Mr. F. Austin, and carried.

Business Matters.

Mr. H. W. Page proposed and Mr. M. H. Lo seconded the re-appointment of the retiring directors, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. T. E. Pearce, which was agreed to, while Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were again appointed auditors at a salary of \$2,000, on the proposal of Mr. W. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. M. O'Brien.

Those present were:—Mr. J. P. Warren (chairman), Dr. W. Koch, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. A. B. Stewart (directors), Mr. A. Stevenson (manager), Messrs. J. D. Thompson, W. MacFarlane, H. W. Page, F. Austin, F. Porritt, M. H. Lo, Dr. Macgown, M. O'Brien, O. F. Ribeiro, V. L. dos Remedios, Mrs. Yung Young-shi, Chan Nal-pan, Chan Pun-kow, H. J. M. Figueiredo.

ELECTRICITY MAY COST MORE.

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on fixed deposit, but rates for short term deposits offered little inducement owing to the easy state of the money market.

There are, I think, no further points in the accounts which call for special remark.

Fire Damage.

On June 21st, the No. 1 alternator developed a fault whilst on load and the ensuing fire destroyed the high tension windings of the machine. This turbo set was purchased in 1918/1919. For some years, owing to its small capacity and relatively high steam consumption it has only been kept in service as part of the spare plant. In view of the steadily increasing output we think our reserve power should not be diminished and although a complete repair of this machine was possible your Directors decided to dispose of the same and to proceed with the installation of a further turbo-alternator in the new turbine room.

It was also considered advisable to take advantage of the greater economy now obtainable from the higher steam pressure in general use and to adopt the pressure of 400 lbs. per square inch for the new plant. Tenders have been obtained and contracts entered into for the supply of a 12,500 turbo-alternator with two boilers suitable for this higher pressure, together with the necessary switchgear and auxiliaries, and it is hoped to have this new plant in operation early in 1932.

The British Thomson-Houston set No. 6 which was installed in the new building during 1929 was constructed in such a manner that it can be converted to the higher steam pressure with increased economy in operation, and this conversion will be undertaken as soon as the new plant has been put into commission.

The old No. 1 turbo set has been sold at a profit and the balance at the credit of this account amounting to \$7,629.76 has been placed to the credit of No. 2 turbo-alternator account.

Mr. Wickham's Retirement.

Since we met last year, Mr. W. H. Wickham has handed over the London representation of the Company to Mr. Marsh. Mr. Wickham was originally connected with Messrs. Johnson & Phillips and came out to Hongkong on business connected with that firm in 1888. About that time it was decided to form the Hongkong Electric Company Limited and advantage was taken of Mr. Wickham's presence in the Colony to get him to draw up a general scheme for electric lighting. His proposals were adopted and he was responsible for the erection of our original station. On the completion of same he was appointed the first Manager of the Company and we have had the advantage of his valuable services for a period of over 40 years.

It must be very gratifying to Mr. Wickham to have watched the continual growth and prosperity of the undertaking which is due in no small measure to his careful guidance in the earlier stages of its career.

When Mr. Wickham retired your Directors requested me to convey to him an expression of their appreciation of the work done by him during his long and faithful service. This appreciation has been further marked by a small presentation. We hope Mr. Wickham may be long spared to enjoy his well earned leisure.

In view of the difficulties which have been experienced during 1930 your Directors consider that the results have been satisfactory and I once more wish to express their appreciation of the services rendered by the Manager, staff and workmen and with this I am sure the shareholders would like to associate themselves.

I now propose that the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930, be adopted and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions you may desire to ask.

Mr. Taggart's Speech.

Mr. J. H. Taggart, in seconding the proposal, said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In rising to second the motion from the chair, I feel confident that I voice the unanimous views of shareholders present when I affirm that we have listened with no little interest to the very lucid resume you have given us covering the affairs of the Company for the past year. I am equally confident, also, that shareholders are at one with me in regarding the results achieved as eminently satisfactory particularly in view of the somewhat abnormal conditions prevalent during the major portion of the period under review.

The serious drop in exchange experienced during the year con-

stituted an extremely adverse factor to a Company which, from the nature of its activities, is compelled to maintain a large inventory of personnel; is of necessity a heavy consumer of imported fuel, and has to meet considerable commitments from time to time in financing additions and replacements to plant, etc.

Whilst touching upon the subject of exchange, I feel sure shareholders and consumers alike will note with satisfaction, Mr. Chairman, your statement intimating that an increase in the price of current will not be imposed unless conditions develop to render such an action imperative, and, furthermore that in such an event reasonable notice would be forthcoming from the Company.

Would Be Regrettable.

I venture to think that, from the viewpoint of shareholders, such an action could only be regarded as regrettable, when it is taken into consideration that an increased price tends to restrict consumption; whilst to the consumer any rise in the price of necessities is always unpalatable.

However, it must be borne in mind that this Company has at all times accorded the utmost consideration to the consumer, and has rendered excellent service at rates bearing favourable comparison with the rates charged by similar public utility organisations, municipal or otherwise, in other parts of the world. As a concrete example of this, it is interesting to note that, based upon this Company's existing maximum charge of sixteen cents for even one or two lights only, the sterling cost per unit at exchange 11d equals 1.76 pence, and at exchange 2/- equals 3.84 pence, whereas in England the rate for lighting ranges from 3/-d. to 6 pence per unit. I submit that these comparative figures demonstrate very forcibly the fact that the local consumer has received the benefit of an efficient service at an extremely moderate charge.

Increased Output.

The figures you have given us with regard to the increase achieved in the unit output are pleasing, and provide an element tending to the confusion of those critics whose pessimistic predictions have at times inferred that this Company's output is rapidly nearing saturation point.

As a matter of interest, it would appear from the figures referred to that present consumption is in the vicinity of 70 units per capita of the island population, whereas, according to my impression, in England the unit consumption reaches 400 to 500 units per capita of the population. Due regard must, I know, be paid to the somewhat different mode of life prevailing, nevertheless it would certainly appear that what may be termed the spectre "saturation point" is a phantom at present far beyond the horizon so far as this Company is concerned, notwithstanding the somewhat circumscribed area within which it operates.

Pioneer Work.

Shareholders will undoubtedly desire to be associated with the Board in their expression of appreciation to Mr. W. H. Wickham in respect of his pioneer work and valuable services on behalf of this Company continuing over the lengthy period of over forty years. In his well-earned retirement which we trust he will be long spared to enjoy, it will doubtless be a source of no little satisfaction to Mr. Wickham to watch the steady progress made by the undertaking upon the origin of which he bestowed much labour, with which he has been so long and honourably associated, and to the success of which he has largely contributed by his expert advice.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Board, the General Agents, and the personnel of the Company, on the results of the year's operations, which results reflect not only great credit on the able administration exerted, but bear also eloquent testimony to the soundness of the policy pursued in keeping abreast of the times in the matter of modernization of the plant, resulting in substantive demonstration of the stability of the Company. Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts.

A Suggestion.

Mr. W. E. Smith:—Mr. Chairman,—In connexion with the question of the consumption of electricity in Hongkong, I should like to make a suggestion for your kindly consideration. I think a great deal might still be done in Hongkong in popularising the use of electricity amongst householders for the purposes of cooking and heating. I think there are a lot of small industries in Hongkong which might be encouraged to use electricity for small plants, together with the many Chinese works scattered over the island. I think the Company might well explore the possibilities of greater expansion in the use of electricity

for domestic cooking and heating. I would like to suggest that if they consider this, the Company should make the initial cost as light as possible with a guarantee of a certain output for a certain consumption. There has been much argument as to cooking by electricity as against gas, and although I am not an expert in these things, I should like to leave this suggestion with you.

The Chairman:—The Company is working very much in this respect to interest people in the use of electricity for cooking purposes. No questions being asked, the resolution was put to the meeting and the adoption of the report and statement of accounts was carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

Mr. J. P. Warren and the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, retiring Directors, were re-elected on the motion of Mr. Paul Lauder, seconded by Mr. W. E. Smith.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$2,600 on the motion of Mr. Wong Ping-sun, seconded by Mr. F. Austin.

The Chairman:—That is all the business, gentlemen; I thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants are now ready.

The Hon. Mr. C. C. S. Mackie (Chairman of Directors) presided, and was supported by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Kt., Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. P. Warren, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Directors), and Mr. J. D. Butcher (Manager).

Shareholders were represented by Messrs. V. Sorby, Tong Hin Fong, W. Stoker, H. J. M. Figueiredo, Fung Kong Un, Wong Ping Sun, Frank Austin (Attorney for Mr. A. David and A. J. David), Paul Lauder (representing Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd.), Yu Chung Sun, F. H. Kew, K. Stuart-Smith (representing Mr. J. R. Michael), J. H. Taggart, F. L. Brown, W. E. Smith, Leung Yan Po, Tong Kim Kwong, J. P. Sherry, Kwok Kam Hang, Leung Fattin, To Cho King, O. F. Ribeiro, J. E. Joseph, J. M. Alves, Chun Sing Choo, Chum Wing Keu, G. H. Potts, Jan Con Sang, Ip Fook, J. T. Bakram, Seu Kon Chi, A. Zimmerman, Wong Hing Kwong, Wong Choi and K. F. Lay.

WHAT TO DO WITH A COLD.

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earnest in his crusade that he desired that it should be recorded on his tombstone that he "fed fever."

A New Gospel.

The principle underlying the practice of starving a fever rings curiously to-day; it was that a high temperature proclaimed in all seriousness a visitation of the Evil One; the patient was believed to be possessed of a devil which had to be attacked and countered in every possible manner, not only passively by starvation, which cut off the enemy's supplies, but also, and perhaps more particularly, by active depletion in the form of blood letting, cupping, sweating, purging, and other debilitating methods, which, while doubtless exercising the demon, had the almost invariable effect of killing the patient at the same time.

Graves thought and taught that, Devil or no Devil, a high temperature was essentially a consuming process, and unless its effects were counteracted by readily assimilable food taken in quantities sufficient to repair the loss occasioned by the fever, then the patient would surely succumb. He was fortunate in finding an audience which, from sheer disgust with the appalling consequences of the then orthodox teaching, was eager to welcome any new gospel which offered hope of better results.

And so it came about that this new gospel was enthusiastically accepted not only in Great Britain but in every civilised country. It may therefore be claimed for Robert James Graves that he has been the means of saving more lives and preventing more suffering even than Joseph Lister himself.

You Can't Stop It.

If there has at any time been any sensible sanction for the first part of the proverb—that, namely, which enjoins us to "feed" a cold—it has long since passed into the capacious limbo of discarded medical phylacteries. It is no more permissible to feed a cold than it is to starve a fever.

To attempt to cut short a cold by drugs is an exceedingly stupid proceeding. This does not apply to the inhalations, sprays, and lozenges which clever pharmacists place on the market for the purpose of soothing the discomfort of these visitations, nor to the measures advocated to prevent the spread of infection, but it does apply to the tablets and capsules which are freely prescribed in the cocktail bar and across the bridge-table. It is useless to try to stop a cold; in spite of all that can be done, it will run its unpleasant course; the best you can do is to see that you do not pass it on.

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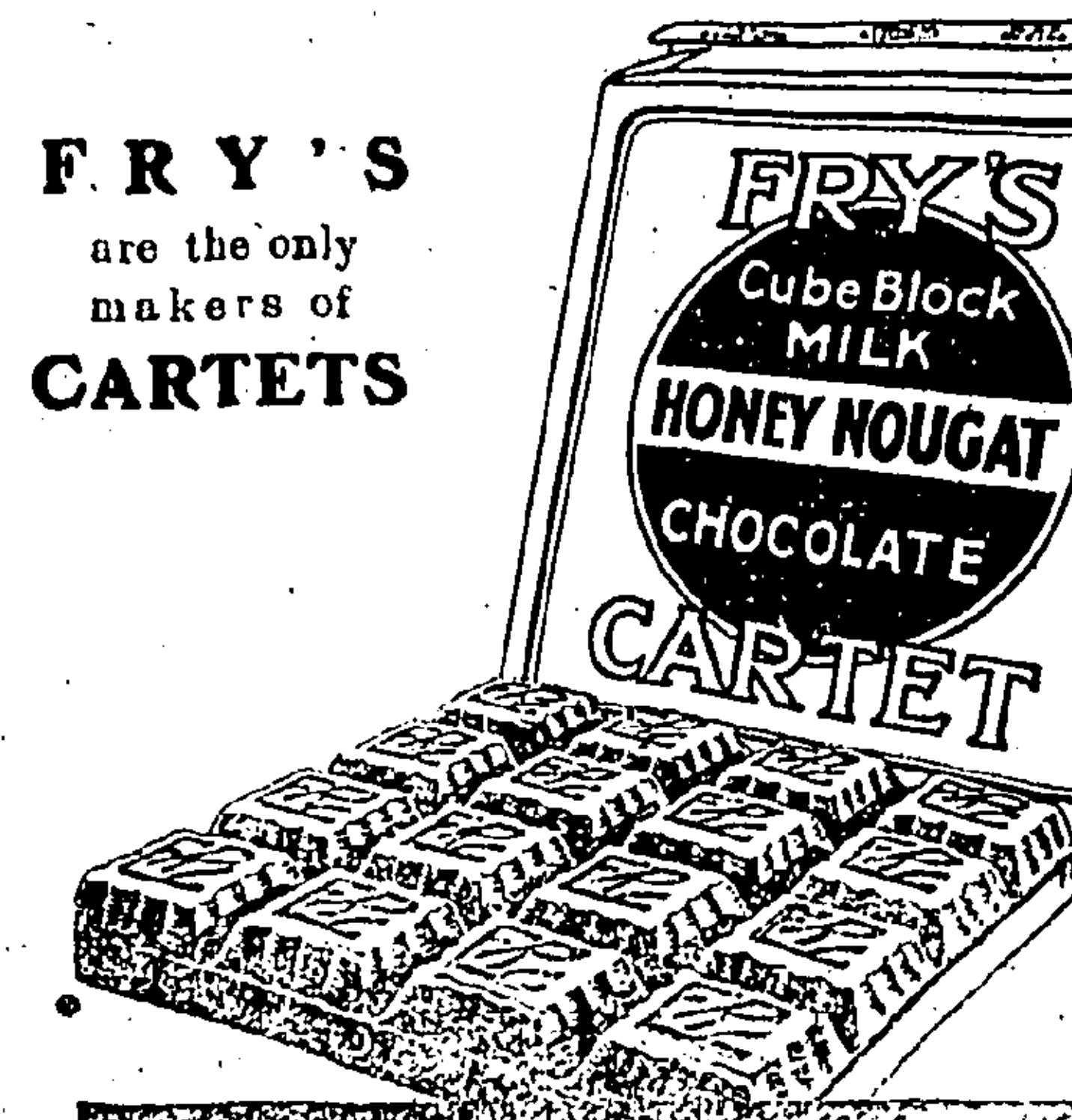
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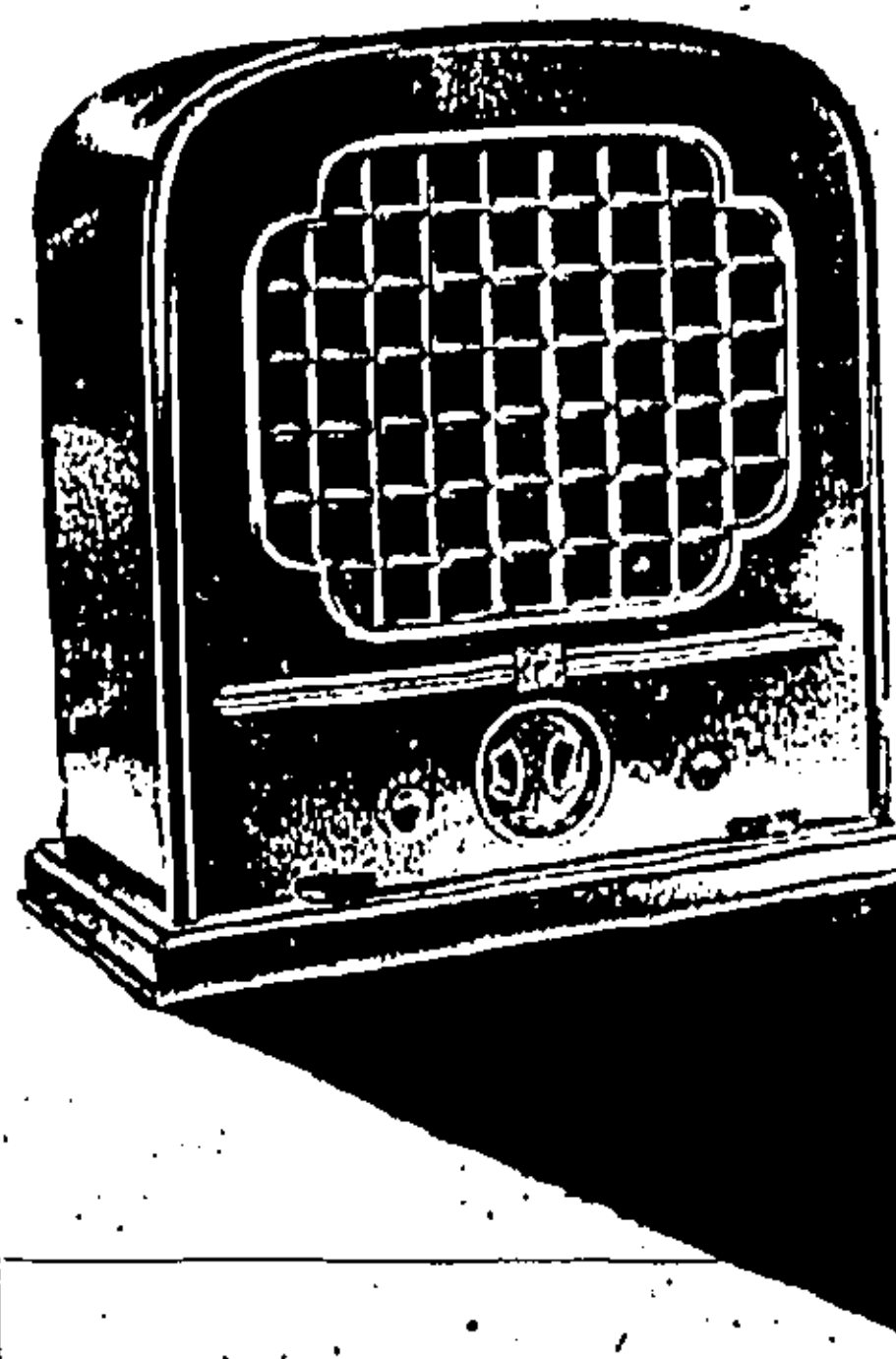
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there is, I think, little calling for comment, as most of the headings are self-explanatory. I would like, however, to draw your attention to the item "Loan Account & Interest Accrued \$103,537.22", which appeared in the former balance sheet for the year ended the 31st December, 1929, and which has now disappeared, having been retired during the financial year under review.

Exchange Profit.

Turning to the liabilities side of the balance sheet, you will observe that an Exchange Fluctuation Reserve of \$427,578.59 has been created, which item requires some explanation. As you were informed from the chair at an extraordinary general meeting held last year, your Board entered into exchange contracts in the amount of £200,000 at an average rate of about 1/10 1/4d. covering commitments in connexion with the new plant which is being erected by Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd.

Later, however, satisfactory arrangements were effected with Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd. in the matter of deferred payments, and in respect of the above-mentioned amount of £200,000, £100,000 was remitted to them, and the balance of the exchange contracts entered into were liquidated at favourable rates, thus showing an exchange profit to the Company of \$427,578.59, which amount your Board has deemed prudent to utilize for the creation of an Exchange Fluctuation Reserve. In this connexion, I may add that under the arrangements entered into with them, no further remittances will be due to Messrs. Vickers-Armstrong, Ltd., until the latter half of 1931.

Deep Water Bay.

When addressing you at the last annual general meeting, your Chairman outlined the policy of the Board in relation to your Deep Water Bay undertaking, and in conformity therewith, your Board entered into negotiations for the sale of the works as a going concern, and consequent thereon, it was found necessary to dispose of the buildings and machinery for demolition purposes, with a resultant profit to the Company of \$19,514.94. I regret to have to state that your Board has met with little measure of success in the matter of disposal of the land in this connexion.

Towards the middle of last year, your Company was approached by the Sports Club, who were desirous to obtain an option to purchase the land and the remaining buildings comprising the houses situated on the hill overlooking the site. Owing to various causes, however, negotiations proved abortive, with the result that such land and buildings are still undisposed of.

Satisfactory Year.

Giving a brief resume of the year's working, I would reiterate that the result may be regarded as satisfactory, bearing in mind the vicissitudes with which your Company has been faced owing to the transitory stage through which it is passing, coupled with the high cost of production and the intensive competition it is experiencing in all markets; nevertheless, it is satisfactory to record that, due to the high standard maintained in your Company's product, we have not only held our markets, but also opened up new avenues likely to redound to our benefit on completion of the new plant.

In this relation, I may add that the demand for your Company's cement is an increasing one, as is evidenced by the fact that our Agents in several markets are constantly making enquiries as to when we shall be in the position to fulfil larger contracts than is possible with the existing works.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

SENTENCE PASSED IN TWO CASES.

At the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Wood this morning, Leung Sing, charged with larceny and with returning from banishment, was sentenced to three years and six months imprisonment, the sentences to run concurrently.

Before Mr. Justice Lindsay, a five years' sentence was imposed on each of three Chinese who were charged with armed robbery, committed at Cheung On Street, Kowloon. An accomplice, charged with receiving, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

In another armed robbery case, two years old, Fong Ping pleaded not guilty. It was a case in which a doctor's house was invaded, the doctor being stabbed in the head, and his wife also suffering injury. The case is proceeding.

Whilst on this subject, I may also state that it is our intention to manufacture a rapid hardening cement under the name of "Emeraldcrete," as, for that class of cement, there is undoubtedly a good demand, notwithstanding the materially higher price at which this class of product has to be marketed.

The New Plant.

Admirable progress, I am pleased to say, has been made with the erection of the new plant, but in an undertaking of such magnitude, it is impossible for me to state definitely when the plant will be actually manufacturing cement. It is confidently anticipated, however, that it will be brought into operation during the second half of the current financial year.

In conclusion, I would inform you that your late Works Manager, Mr. Arnott, who had served the Company for nearly thirty years, retired last June, and your Board, anticipating your approval, granted him a retiring bonus of £1,000, the equivalent of which, namely \$4,829.25, is shown in the Profit and Loss Account.

There being no further matters to which I need refer, I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and the accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930, as presented, be adopted, and that the appropriations recommended by your Directors, namely:—To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share on the old shares, \$120,000; to pay a dividend of 4 cents per share on the new shares, \$16,000; to write off obsolete machinery stores, \$20,000; to place to General Reserve, \$100,000; to carry forward to new account, \$38,421.76; be carried into effect, and I shall be much obliged if some shareholder will kindly second such proposal, after which, questions in connexion with the report and accounts may be raised.

The motion was seconded by Mr. A. H. Carroll, and carried unanimously.

Business Matters.

Mr. M. A. Figueiredo proposed, and Mr. Li Yat-chol seconded, the re-election of Mr. J. H. Taggart and Mr. C. A. da Rosa to the Board of Directors, the motion being carried without discussion, and, on the proposition of Mr. A. L. Shields, seconded by Mr. T. D. Chanatong, Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, were re-appointed auditors.

This concluded the business. Mr. J. Scott Harston presided, and Directors present were: Messrs. J. H. Taggart, C. A. da Rosa, R. G. Shevan, C. F. Mendham and Li Tat-fong. Others present were Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. L. Shields, A. H. Carroll, M. A. Figueiredo, T. D. Chanatong, Li Yat-chol, C. S. Remedios, F. L. Silva, and F. E. Silver.

MR. TANG SHAO-YI
WELCOMED.

ASSUMES HIS DUTIES AT
CHUNG SHAN.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Macao, Mar. 16. The people of the Chung Shan District gave Mr. Tang Shao-yi a rousing welcome on the occasion of his return to his native district, to take up the office of magistrate to-day.

The reception took place at Tong Kn, Mr. Tang's native village, and the capital of the district, and thousands of people from all parts of Chung Shan assembled to testify to the popularity of this veteran Chinese statesman, who has agreed to accept office, in spite of his age.

Among those present were Major J. G. Andrade, Commissioner of Police of Macao, who was present as the representative of the Governor of Macao, Dr. Lew Yuk-lin and Mr. Lee Cheong from Macao, and Mr. Kum Tsang-fan, Commissioner of Education at Canton, as representative of the Governor of the Province, and Mme. Kum, and the following members of the Chung Shan Administrative Council:—Dr. Chung Wink-ki, Mr. Choy Cheong, Mr. Yeung Tse-ngai, Mr. Lee Kung-lum, and Mr. Tong Yau-hang. Other important visitors were Mr. Au Yung-chee, Mr. Pang Hwai, Commissioner of Recreation at Canton, Mr. Tong Man-kai, Administrator of Telegraphs, Mr. Kau Huan-chang, Mr. Pang Kwong-ying, Mr. Chung Yuen-kwong of the Ling Nam University, and many merchants from Hongkong, Macao, Shekhi, and elsewhere.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following members of the Radio Sports Club are requested to play a hockey match against the Hongkong Club "A" Team, U.S.R.C. Ground, Kowloon at 5 p.m. sharp on Friday: R. Khan; Haktan Singh, Atma Singh; Guest, Gilchrist, Kalwant Singh; Hanib, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, Sperry, Kemp.

Reports in the Japanese newspapers to hand, show that the Sakharoff dancers and associated artistes created extraordinary enthusiasm throughout their tour in that country. This was only to be expected when the sensation they caused in Europe is called to mind. They will appear at the Theatre Royal on the 27th inst. and the plan is now open at Moutrie's. Early reservation of seats is advised.

The Talma left Singapore for Hongkong yesterday and is due on Sunday morning.

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Deceived?

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All parents know that children are queer little people and even brothers and sisters of the same family require different handling.

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BEHIND THE SCENES.

Because life was so slow in the little town of Red Thresh, Iowa, Ginger Ellis Tolliver conceived the idea of a Junior Country Club to save the youngsters from their boredom. It was to be a place where the parents allowed, he believed. Accordingly, she arranged for the purchase of the Mill Brook farm, a 10-acre tract with an old house on it, and proceeded, with the assistance of her friends, to rebuild and furnish it.

Ginger was the daughter of a minister and the stepdaughter of a very wealthy woman, the former Phil Van Dorn, who was a tolerant person and easy about Ginger. One day, while the rehabilitation of the club house was going on, an artist called at the kitchen of the Tolliver home and offered to do a portrait in exchange for a meal. After he had shaved off his beard, Ginger found to her surprise that he was good looking. He had studied in Paris and his name was Hans Halloway.

Ginger, who was never at a loss for ideas, thought it would be a good one if Hans remained for a while in Red Thresh, instead of wandering about the country like a hobo. He could pick up some money painting portraits for families who would be flattered—especially if the Tollivers sponsored him. And he could do the mural decorations in the new club house, for Ginger was bound it would be a success.

CHAPTER XII.

"Oh, no," said Phil warmly. "You mustn't leave them here. You must take them in. We'll have a big tea some afternoon and show them—since Ginger feels that Red Thresh should have its portrait done. Be very careful with these, Hamill. Put them in the library and see that they do not get scratched in any way."

At Ginger's smirk of triumph she smiled kindly. "I hope all your hobses turn out as well, you naughty thing," she whispered.

"I'm terribly happy," interrupted Bard with a pleased laugh. "I don't know why—but I seem to have—got of—got some place, if you know what I mean. As if I had found some one who belonged to me."

Ginger nodded her bright head. "I know just what you mean," she said. "I feel as if some one had just come home after a long and dangerous journey."

Phil cleared her throat, deprecatingly. "You might just run the car over there in the corner out of the way," she said dryly. "Ginger has her own roadster, and can probably be persuaded to chauffeur you about while you are here."

"I hope so," he said. "I'm nearly out of gas."

When they followed Hamill to the house, with the last load, Phil, with Ginger at her heels, conducted him to the room designed for his use. "I suggested this room," she explained. "I know the furniture in the best room is simply priceless and all that, but this view is better and a good artist should prefer view to value."

"This is just great," said Bard. "You are awfully good to me. You know, Mrs. Tolliver, I think I must have been very lonely. I didn't realize it, but I am sure I was because now I don't feel that way at all. I'll try not to stay too long—and I'll be on my very best behaviour every minute. I won't wipe paint on the guest towels, nor smudge crayon on the table linen—that sort of thing."

Phil smiled at him. "You're a nice boy," she said. "If you will just help me keep Ginger from being too bored for a while I shall be really grateful to you."

"Bored?" he gasped. "Here? With you? Oh, she couldn't be." "As soon as you are ready," Ginger interrupted briskly. "You hurry right down. I want to take you to Mill Brook to show you what I want done. We're in a great hurry to get it in shape."

If a workman left his job, or let his tools out of his hands for so much as 10 minutes, his place was filled with a dozen scabs almost before his back was turned. If a painter abandoned his brush at the usual union hour of five, inevitably upon his return the next morning he found the paint emptied of paint and the work—for which he was to have been paid by the hour—completed.

In the presence of 10 solid acres of ardent volunteers, the only way for an honest man to make a living was to work from daylight until dark and to eat with his instruments of labour under his feet. There was no waiting for the sun to shine at Mill Brook. Every time a paid labourer laid off, a dozen free substitutes leaped into the breach with a cry of joy.

The result was that when Ginger—who found that three congenial spirits could ride very comfortably indeed in the front seat of the Dill Rush she had good reason to be proud of her proprietorship.

The grounds were entirely cleared of dead brushwood, weeds and windblown picnic debris. The wind here leading from the highway was a pleasant driving force quite free of treacherous ruts and tyre-bruising stones. Early spring wild flowers and hardy grasses were springing up and every bough was curling into leaf.

The porches had been enlarged and re-enclosed and were decked out like stage-settings in a variety of porch furniture garnered from a hundred homes. Freshly stained a rugged, rustic brown, and upholstered with crotone in orange and red.

The broken windows had been replaced, the shutters repaired and painted a deep ivory; the tennis court was ready for the net, swings were suspended from the hardest trees; chains were hung for the hammocks.

Three small garden plots had been spaded up and sown with seeds for early vegetables, each tract carefully lined and marked. Chickens were strutting cheerfully in their fenced enclosure, and on the bit of pastureland on the hillside a Jersey cow grazed in serene contentment that her declining days had fallen in pleasant places, and Mrs. Carter, the old mare, bore her dignified companionship.

Ginger unlocked the door with something of a flourish. "Welcome," she cried heartily, "to Joie de Vie in a Middle West." The interior of the house was ready for occupancy except that some of the contributions of bedroom furniture had not yet been collected from the donors.

As Ginger said, "What you pay for, you get first," and having paid for the chairs and tables in the dining room—although she was not yet sure but it should be called the ballroom—it was fully furnished. There was an immense fireplace at each end, since two large rooms had been thrown together, and the tables were ranged along the walls with a carefully studied carelessness of effect, tables for two, for four, a few for six, and against the wall on the left, for the use of convivial club crowds, an imitation refectory table with benches, which could seat 20 without crowding.

Bard studied the large room with its handsomely paneled walls with great interest.

"I don't know," he said thoughtfully. "It is very nice as it is. Those pale walls with the black frames will make a stunning background for pretty living girls in brilliant gowns. Seems almost a shame to clutter up that soft tone with flamboyant modern stuff. Why not try it first with just one figure in each panel? And no queer birds and girls and that sort of tripe."

"Why not alternate types?" In one panel have a demure little Puritan going to church, then a French danseuse strutting her stuff? Maybe a pirate swinging his cutlass and after him a pilgrim? It will not take long to sketch one figure like that in each panel, and then later on if we want to we can put one object in each panel as a background—a church for the Puritan, I suppose, a corner of *Café de la Paix* for her sister next door, a rakish boat for the pirate and a strutting turkey back of Papa Pilgrim. That sort of thing. Wouldn't it be more unusual—and maybe more harmonious?"

Ginger professed herself willing to be pleased with anything and urged him to get to work immediately before something turned up to interfere with her wishes.

"And while you're doing it, Patty and I'll brooze around town in the Dill and gather up the rest of the donations that they are holding out in us."

(To be Continued.)

SIR WM. MEYRICK HEWLETT.

RECEIVES INSIGNIA FROM H.M. THE KING.

London, Mar. 17.

H.M. the King has received, at Buckingham Palace, Sir Wm. Hewlett, former Consul General at Nanjing, on whom his Majesty recently conferred a Knighthood, and invested him with the insignia of a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—*Reuter.*

Sir William Meyrick Hewlett, who was knighted at the New Year, left China for home last month, on leave, accompanied by Lady Hewlett and Miss Hewlett. He came out to China in 1908, when he was appointed a student interpreter, and was in the Legation defence forces in 1900, for which he received the China Medal and clasp. He was Acting Consul at Changsha from 1908 to 1910, afterwards serving in like capacity at Ichang, Tientsin, Chongtun, Newchwang, and Shanghai (1914). He was made Consul at Amoy in 1923, and in 1927 returned to Shanghai, later (1928) going to Nanking after furlough at home. He was made a C.M.G. in 1915.

It is interesting to recall that Sir Meyrick Hewlett is a brother of the celebrated author, Maurice Hewlett.

FORCED LABOUR IN DUTCH INDIES.

ALLEGATIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Mar. 17.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. L. W. Matters (Lab. Kensington) asked whether the President of the Board of Trade proposed to take any action upon the Report of the League of Nations on forced labour, to restrict the volume of imports from the Dutch East Indies, particularly as regards products of compulsory or forced labour.

Mr. Graham replied that he was not aware of any circumstances relating to forced labour in the Dutch East Indies requiring any such action to be taken.—*Reuter.*

BANDITS DAMAGE RAILWAY.

STATION STAFF CARRIED OFF BY "REDS."

Hankow, Mar. 17.

An unexpected revival of Communist activities along the Peking-Hankow Railway and the destruction by bandits of the track near Shin Yang and Li Chia Tsai Stations has stopped the through service.

Bandit hordes under the notorious Yuan Ying raided Li Chia Tsai Station destroying the track and kidnapping the station master and his assistants.

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL.

MOTHERWELL AND QUEEN'S PARK SUCCESSFUL.

London, Mar. 17.

In the Scottish League to-day, Queen's Park, playing at home, defeated Hamilton by five clear goals, while Motherwell, visiting Leith Athletic, captured both points by a margin of five goals to two, and thus resume leadership of the First Division.—*Reuter.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is central to the north of the Lower Yangtze Valley. The depression has passed to the east of Tokyo. Strong monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The rescue tug *Kausung* was called out yesterday evening at about 10 o'clock to Capsulim Pass, in the vicinity of which distress signals were reported to have been seen. River vessels were also notified but nothing unusual was seen although a look-out was kept for some time.

Capt. T. Kawamura, master of the O.S.K. steamer *Honada Maru*, was fined \$250 altogether at the Marine Court this morning before the Hon. Commr. G.F. Hols, for breach of the Lifestock Import Export Ordinance.

There were three cases of typhoid and one case of diphtheria reported to the health authorities on Monday. Last week's completed list shows four cases of diphtheria (one fatal), and three cases of typhoid (two fatal). There were forty-nine deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis.

LOCAL RADIO.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMME ON AIR TO-NIGHT.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres to-day is:—
5.00-7.00 p.m. Chinese Programme.
7.00-8.00 p.m. Chinese Children's Programme.

7.00-11.00 p.m. European Programme of Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Teang Fook Piano Co.

7.00-7.40 p.m. Operatic Band-Nigolito-Quartet (Verdi).
Band-Nigolito-Introduction and Minuet (Verdi).
Creator and His Band. 3582.
Song-Walkure-Brundhilde Bitte (Wagner).
Song-Walkure-No-Yo-To-Ho (Wagner).

Maria Jeriza (Suprano). 7268.
Violin Solo-The Bohemian Girl-Then You'll Remember Me.
Max Dolin (Tenor). 20048.
Song-I Puritan-Ale, O Cara Amor Talora (Bellini).

Glennie Laur-Volpi. 7226.
Organ Solo-Thais-Meditation (Massenet).
Charles R. Cronham. 35858.
Chorus-Gems From Pagliacci (Leoncavallo).

Chorus-Gems From Cavalleria Rusticana (Mascagni).
Victor Opera Company. 35932.
7.40-8.10 p.m. Orchestral.
Salome's Dance (Strauss).
Japanese Nocturne (Eichheim).
Leopold Stokowski and The Philadelpia Orch. 7226 and 7260.
Wedding of The Winds (Hall arr. Cibelli).

La Vittoria Orchestra. 35911.
Ballet Egyptian Suite (Lugtini).
Concert Orchestra. 35901-35902.
8.10-9.00 p.m. Instrumental.
Pianoforte Solo-Die Fledermaus. Paraphrase (The Bat).
(Strauss-Godowsky) Benno Moise-witch. 7257.
Violin Solo-Savanne Dance No. 1 in G Major (Dvorak-Kreutzer).

Fritz Kreisler. 7225.
Quartet in B Flat Major (Brahms).
Pianoforte Solo-Quartet. 7235.
Pianoforte Solo-Rustle Of Spring (Shindler).
Hans Barth. 20121.
Cello Solo-Simple Ave (Thome).
Cello Solo-Serenade (Pierne).
Alfred Wallenstein. 20104.
Pianoforte Solo-Caprice Espagnole (Moszkowski).
Pianoforte Solo-Bohemian Dance (Smetana).
Wilhelm Bachaus. 7121.
Sclena O'Neill. 21061.

9.00 p.m. Weather Report, Local Time, etc.
9.05-11.00 p.m. Dance Programme.
Fox Trot-It'll Be Reminded Of.
Ole. 22103.
Fox Trot-A Little Kiss Each Morning.
Fox Trot-Georgia Pines. 22105.
Fox Trot-Turn On The Heat.
Fox Trot-Hullabaloo. 22511.
Fox Trot-Baby You've Done Me Good.
Come Home.
Fox Trot-Believe It Or Not. 22106.
Waltz-I Love The Moon.
Fox Trot-You Can't Believe My Eyes. 22100.
Fox Trot-I Can't Have You.
Fox Trot-I'm In Love With You. 22141.
Fox Trot-The Web Of Love. 22141.
Fox Trot-Why Have You Forgotten Walkie. 22510.
Fox Trot-How Are You To-Night.
Waltz-It'll Close My Eyes To The Rest Of The World. 22107.
Fox Trot-Deep In The Arms Of Love.
Fox Trot-African Serenade. 22520.
Fox Trot-It'll Be Blue Just Thinking Of You.
March Fox Trot-Godnight Poor Heart. 22545.
March Fox Trot-The Triple Cheer.
Waltz-Tears.
Waltz-Don't Forget Me In Your Dreams.
Fox Trot-Crying Myself To Sleep. 22583.
Slow Fox Trot-You're The One I Care For.
March Fox Trot-Washington and Lee Swing. 22574.
Fox Trot-She Loves Me Just The Same.
Fox Trot-My Temptation. 22505.
Waltz-When Your Hair Has Turned To Silver.
Fox Trot-When A Black Man's Love.
Fox Trot-Head Indigo. 22587.
Fox Trot-Yours and Mine. 22502.
Fox Trot-On A Little Balcony In Spain.
Waltz-Rock Me To Sleep In Your Arms. 22142.
Waltz-Mistake.
God Save The King.
11.00 p.m. Close Down.

INDEMNITY BILL.

THE ROYAL ASSENT RECEIVED.

London, Mar. 17.

The China Indemnity Application Bill having received the Royal Assent, the British Government has, through Sir Miles Lampson, notified the Nanking Government of the British ratification of the Boxer Indemnity agreement signed at Nanking last October, providing for the purchase of railway materials.

The British Government has also sent to Nanking a list of British members of the London Purchase Commission, as to which the Board of Trustees in China will be consulted.

Meanwhile, there is a constant stream of enquiries from engineering interests regarding the supply of railway materials, which have to be bought in Britain.

The next development that will follow will be an announcement from Nanking of the actual formation of the Board of Anglo-Chinese Trustees.—*Reuter.*

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Athens	37 1/2	37 1/2
Shanghai	1/4	1/4
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Amsterdam	12.12 1/2	12.12 1/2
Stockholm	18.14	18.14
Vienna	34.56 1/2	34.56 1/2
Madrid	45.55	45.55
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	37 1/2	37 1/2
Hankow	17 1/2	17 1/2
Brussels	34.86 1/2	34.86 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2	18.16 1/2
Milan	92.74 1/2	92.74 1/2
Prague	104	104
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
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Bombay	1/5 3/16	1/5 3/16
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CORRESPONDENCE.

Christian Science.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—In replying to Rev. Mr. Koop's so-called searching analysis of Christian Science, as reported in your yesterday's issue, the writer is backed in his attempt by some thirty years of very close connexion with Mr. Koop's Church,—thirty years of regular attendance at its services, as a communicant of an earnest worker in various Church offices,—before taking up the study of Christian Science, and it is therefore possible for me to somewhat appreciate Mr. Koop's point of view. I can quite imagine the thought striking him forcibly; "It is time this Christian Science business was stopped. I must see what I can do about it." Then came the delving into "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, with a mind filled with his own notions of what should be, searching for material with which to lay Mrs. Eddy and her efforts to present to the world something better than it had before. To which is not in accord with its own teaching seems heretical. Mr. Koop will probably remember the experiences of his own Church after the Reformation, but he will, no doubt, say that such a break-away was not heretical nor founded on heresies, (though the Church from which it parted may deem it so.) Marcion, Basilides, Manes and the rest, writing in the second century, may have known a good deal more of real Christianity than Mr. Koop gives them credit for. As is stated; "These worthies compelled the scholars of the Christian Church to think out their gospel and state it in clear terms"—hence, probably the hopeless mixup that is at the present time being manifested throughout what is called Christendom. What are the clear terms, and how many to-day accept them as such? There would have been no Church of England, no Nonconformity, etc., if those terms had been as clear as the above would infer, for the Church in its entirety would have been proving its faith by its works, as Christian Science is doing to-day, and there would have been neither cause nor need for division.

The writer wishes to say at this juncture that this reply is not written in any spirit of malice, as he holds nothing but goodwill towards one who is manifestly doing, according to his lights, what he considers best for his flock, and for himself. "What then shall we say of these ancient heresies redressed and emboldened for the 20th. century, this strange idea that matter has no existence, that pain and evil are illusions?" Christian Science says that God is good, all good, immutable good, and that man is His image and likeness, as is taught in the first chapter of Genesis; that He is the only creator and that, therefore, He did not create error or evil, even though He did create all this was made. Hence the Christian Science conclusion is reached that all that is not good—including materiality with its error, sin, sickness and mortality—has no real existence. Mr. Koop says; "On the simplest showing Mrs. Eddy did not demonstrate her own teaching. She was dependent upon matter whose existence she denies. The fact that she took food and could not live without it invalidates her whole theory about medicine, etc." How Mr. Koop flatters Mrs. Eddy! For how many hundreds of years have men been searching for "the truth," (as Jesus teaches) that makes men free prior to our Leader's advent, propounding theories galore and, evidently, getting little nearer to their objective and yet, when the ideals of Christian Science are put forward, Mr. Koop, and many like him, expect the founder (and probably her students also) to immediately attain that state of perfection given out as ideal! It is odd; it is flattering; but Christian Scientists have a mass of age-old beliefs to unload before they are free and able to fully grasp the import of the ideals presented to them by Christian Science and we ask, in all humility, for just a little more of the spirit of brotherly

love and tolerance of others' beliefs than is shown in Mr. Koop's pronouncement under review.

Our Leader claims that she has gone right back to primitive Christianity in her effort to find the remedy for the difficulties at present all too apparent to us. She has gone back even prior to the time of Marcion and the rest, and those of us who have studied Christian Science with a rather more open mind than has Mr. Koop realize that she has again uncovered the flaw in the history of man, the flaw being that we have been persistently hanging on to such notions as that God created us out of dust or slime; that we, God's children, are miserable sinners; that God gave us wills of our own with which to go on in our own sweet ways, as He had evidently failed to exercise His beneficent control over us;—and so on. Whatever Mr. Koop may think of it, will not prevent Christian Scientists, from realizing that God is good, in spite of all the foolish things believed about Him, and that man is the image and likeness of God, and, therefore, in reality, all good.

Christian Science is Christianity, despite any denial of that fact. It is proving its Christliness by its good works. Mr. Koop may lay his hands, and even his feet, on his whole body, on the sick, but he will not find any recovery taking place unless he has "that mind which was in Christ Jesus." He states that Jesus' methods have been used since by his followers and by wise physicians. It is not so very long since some of the leaders of his Church were declaring that the miracles were discredited, that they were, in fact, impossible, according to present-day beliefs. It is good to see that that notion has changed. It will be better still when we see the minds of the Clergy so infused with the healing Truth and Love as taught in the Bible and as demonstrated in Christian Science, that they are able to "lay hands on the sick and they shall recover," without the use of pills and potions, mustard plasters and knives, which do not seem to have been the regular stock-in-trade of our Master and his disciples.

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IRISH BALL BIG SUCCESS.

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remember the number, as it is the year in which Saint Patrick was ordained.

St. Patrick's Life.

Four retourner a nos moutons—The toast of our Patron Saint. Historians differ widely in regard to the life of St. Patrick. Some maintain he was born on the Clyde, others at Davenport. None will allow that he might have been born in Ireland. "Another injustice." However, like many other foreigners who came to Ireland and learned to know the Irishman at home, he decided to live amongst them. He was an exception to the rule of those who become more Irish than the Irish themselves. In that he brought good. His return to Ireland with a benediction mission is fully appreciated by all Irishmen, and they alone can understand the difficulties which faced him. To be brief, St. Patrick, when a youth, was captured by an Irish Sea-Rover, sold into bondage in Ireland, worked for many years as a swine herd, and escaped to Gaul. He then studied Christianity under St. Martin of Tours, in order to render himself fit for what he had laid down as the work of his life, the introduction of Christianity into Ireland.

On completion of his studies he went to Rome, and laid his project before the illustrious Pope Celestine I, who commissioned him to spread the Gospel to the Irish people. In the course of 50 years he completely converted the Irish people to Christianity. Ireland thus, at a time when Western Europe was being overrun by pagan hordes, became the Centre of a very high civilisation and culture, and the Nidus of Christian Missions to all neighbouring countries.

He was a man of striking personality.

He returned good for evil. He cleansed Ireland and cast the snakes out.

He rose from swine herd to Primate.

He lived to the great age of 120 years.

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Ireland's Saint.

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Lines from old Hymn to St. Patrick run:

"Thy people, now exiles on many a shore,
Shall love and revere thee
till time be no more;
And the fire thou hast kindled
shall ever burn bright,
Its warmth undiminished,
undying its light."

Other nations have adopted Patron Saints, or have had them given to them, but St. Patrick is essentially the Father of the Irish People. His mortality is stamped on them to this day. It is from his own hands that we

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 17th March, 1931.

have our National Emblem, the lovely Shamrock which he used to demonstrate the Doctrine of the Trinity to his pagan audience on the Hill of Tara. His devotion to duty, tenacity of purpose, courage in facing difficulties, indomitable resolution, perseverance, and ceaseless work, should be an inspiration to all Irishmen in their allotted daily task. Era I close I must thank you all for answering the call of our Committee. "Won't you, will you, won't you, will you join the dance," so magnificently.

I must also say good-bye. Like St. Patrick in the ancient City of the Seven Hills, here, under the Seven Dragons, I feel the call of Erin, and like the Irish Emigrant "By tomorrow morning I'll be on the way."

The memories of a night like this, and the feeling that one has been of some little assistance to such an energetic committee, in giving expression to the aspiration of Irishmen in Hongkong, will make my leave more enjoyable.

Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen, I call upon you to join me in the Toast

"The Blessed Memory of Saint Patrick."

H.E. the Governor Replies.

Mr. F. P. R. James, M.C., proposed "Our Guests" and H.E. the Governor, in a brief reply, thanked the Society for their hospitality, and congratulated them on their successful inauguration. He stated that he had a great affection for the Irish people, although he had not yet visited Ireland.

Sir William also thanked the local Society for the walking stick they had presented him with. He paid a tribute to the work of Colonel Myles, and wished him a happy holiday. His Excellency then proposed the toast of success and prosperity for the H.K. St. Patrick's Society.

Official Guests.

The official guests were:—H.E. and Lady Peel, Vice Admiral Sir Howard and Lady Kelly, Major General Sandilands, Vice Admiral B. Herr, Commodore and Mrs. Walker, Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, His Hon. Justice J. R. Wood.

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned before Thursday, the 24th March, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Monday the 23rd March, 1931.

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Hongkong, 17th March, 1931.

Sir Wm. Hornell.

The Committees.

The various committees were:—Reception: Col. Myles, Prof. F. E. Redmond, Mr. L. M. Murphy, Mrs. Myles, Mrs. Eldon Potter.

Music and dance: Mr. E. H. Williams, Mr. G. P. Murphy, Mrs. Scott Little, Mr. J. C. Grenham.

Cloakroom: Mr. M. G. O'Connor, Mr. T. C. Monaghan, Mrs. B. Pascoe.

Bar:—Lieut. P. T. Mahony, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. C. P. Falon, Mr. R. Paton, Mr. W. Hill.

Supper:—Mr. F. P. R. James, Dr. G. M. Pope, Lieut. Cmdr. S. E. Brown, Rev. J. Giles, Mrs. B. Pascoe.

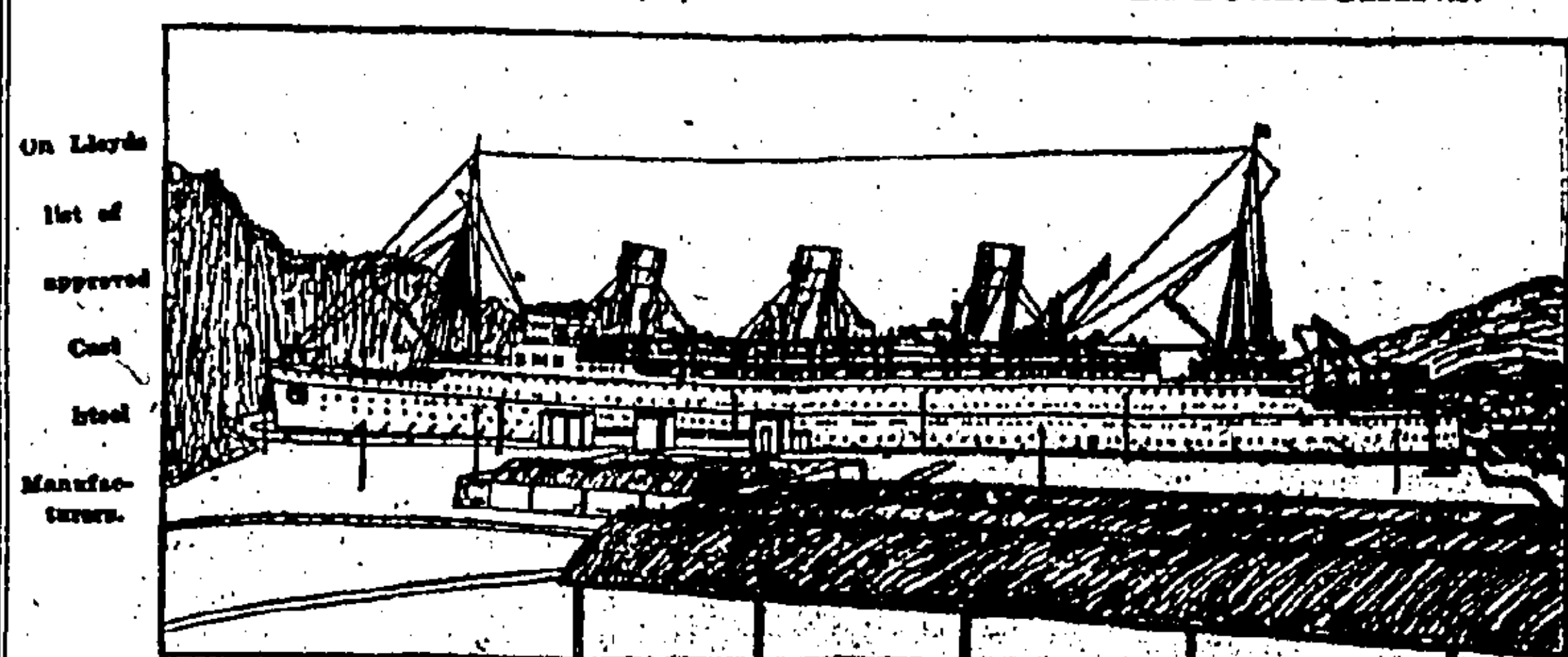
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*KARNATA	9,128	11th Apr.	M'los, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
RAJPUTANA	16,586	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London
*SOUDAN	—	2nd May.	M'los, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
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KIDDERPORE	5,334	25th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
RAJPUTANA	16,586	27th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
SIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	6th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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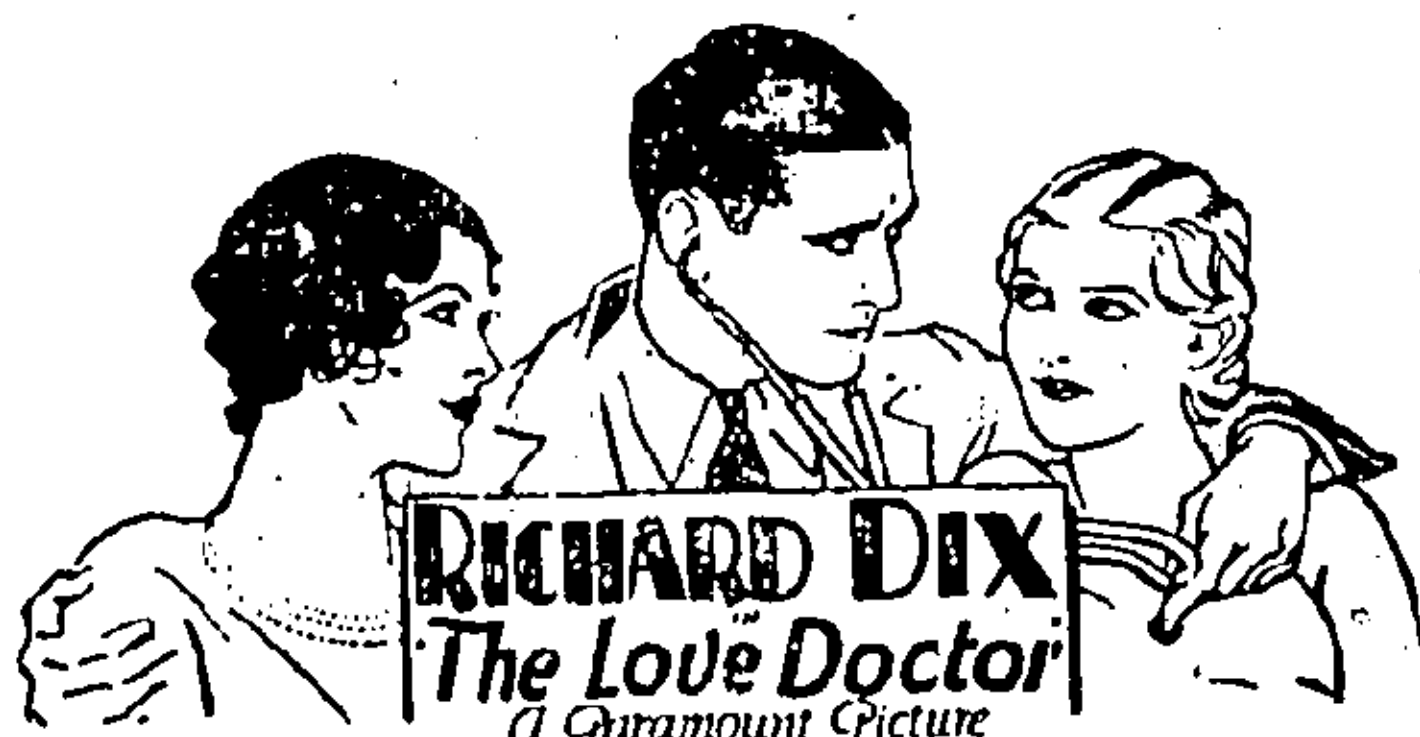
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THE RESTRICTION ABANDONED.

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LITTLE LIKELIHOOD.

London, Mar. 17.
Numerous questions on the tea market prospects were submitted in the House of Commons to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to-day. Mr. Oswald Lewis (Con. Colchester) asked whether the Chancellor's attention had been called to the fact that the proposed scheme for the restriction of the India, Ceylon, and Java tea crops in 1931 had been abandoned, in consequence of which tea-planters in India and Ceylon be facing competition from the Dutch East Indies, and whether he would consider giving some preference to tea grown in the British Empire by means of a tax on foreign tea.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, replied in the affirmative to the first part of the question, and as regards the second, said he could not anticipate the Budget statement.

Mr. Lewis asked if the Government would receive representations from the many important interests concerned.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence asked for notice of the question.

Replying to Mr. Graham White, Mr. Pethick Lawrence said that doubtless the Government would take into account the fact that when previously Britain had a preference on British tea, one result was to divert Dutch tea to Australia and other markets to the detriment of British planters in Ceylon.—*Reuter*.

EXTRADITION CASE DELAY.

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WOMAN'S FLIGHT.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, for Mrs. Jeng See, whose extradition to the United States is sought by the Federal Government on a charge of grand larceny, renewed his protests against further delay when it was suggested to him, on appearance before Mr. Schofield this morning, that the woman might have to wait four months in prison before the formality connected with her surrender was completed.

Mr. Loseby pointed out that the woman was ready to waive all these proceedings, and return of her record, and yet, she was kept waiting while the Colony and Court were being dictated to by a foreign Government made to wait on its pleasure.

Mr. Loseby suggested three alternative lines for action by the Magistrate: the reduction of the bail to an amount that was not prohibitive, a report by the Magistrate of the facts to the Governor, who could then order the woman's release, or without hearing from the circumstances. Regarding this last, Mr. Loseby said he was communicating with His Excellency.

His Worship said he would consider further the points raised by Mr. Loseby, and with that object, he would put the case over until noon on Monday. Instead of a formal remand of one week. Bail for the present would be as before, namely, \$75,000.

MARRIED WOMEN'S NATIONALITY.

DEPUTATION WAITS ON MR
HENDERSON.

London, Mar. 17.
The Foreign Secretary Mr. Arthur Henderson, and the Under Secretary of the Home Department this afternoon received a deputation of women members of Parliament from all parties, who asked the Government to facilitate the passage of the Nationality of Married Women's Bill. The Foreign Secretary said: "The Government fully sympathise with the principle that women should not be required to change their nationality on marriage without their consent."

He pointed out that the League Council last January decided that the whole question of nationality of married women should be placed on the agenda of the next Assembly meeting, and expressed the hope that international agreement to the question would be reached. If substantial progress was not made at Geneva, he suggested that the women's organizations should, after the Assembly meeting, request the Government to introduce legislation.

THE FIRE-CRACKER NUISANCE.

TEST CASE HEARD AT
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MAXIMUM PENALTY.

A cracker-firing incident in the early hours of Chinese New Year Day in Wyndham Street, within close range of a Police official's quarters, was the subject of a summons before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Divisional Superintendent, was the complainant, and he preferred two charges against the tenant of the first floor of No. 49, Wyndham Street.

In the absence of the tenant, who is away in Shanghai, the summonses were proceeded with against his wife, Mrs. Ku Chanshi, a fashionably dressed young woman.

Mr. Wodehouse said he had brought the second summons regarding the creating of a disturbing noise in the nature of a test. As his Worship knew, there was a general permission for the firing of crackers, which covered the early morning hours of Chinese New Year Day, but that was only permission which covered legitimate noises accompanying the celebration, so that anything which departed from the usual form of firing strings of crackers, such as the throwing of bomb crackers, constituted an offence.

Mr. Wodehouse remarked that when British rule over the Colony, the continuance of certain Chinese customs were agreed to, and one of these was the firing of crackers during Chinese New Year celebrations. He had been thirty years in the Colony, and could say that this privilege had never been abused during his earlier years here. "It was not until within recent years that these abuses in the form of firing of bomb crackers and throwing crackers from windows and verandahs were committed."

Regarding the present incident, Mr. Wodehouse said he had taken the precaution of closing his inner and outer windows and also of putting cotton wool into his ears before retiring for the night. All those precautions notwithstanding, he was startled at 12.05 in the morning by what appeared to be bomb crackers being thrown from a house opposite, these detonating with deafening effects.

Mr. Wodehouse proceeded to quote extracts from what he considered as a "very excellent leading article" which appeared in the *Hongkong Telegraph* on the subject of the cracker-firing nuisance, remarking that it reflected his own views on the matter.

Defendant was fined \$50 on the summons charging her with throwing crackers to the public danger, and a further \$100, this latter representing the maximum fine allowed under the Section relating to the making of a disturbing noise.

She left the Court protesting against the penalty.

PERJURY CASE AT SESSIONS.

INDIAN MONEY-LENDER
IN THE DOCK.

Alleged to have committed perjury in a Summary Jurisdiction action concerning loans of money, Fauja Singh appeared in the dock at the Criminal Sessions this morning, and entered a plea of not guilty. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting for the Crown, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios is defending.

The indictment against accused is to the effect he falsely affirmed that he did not, consolidate two promissory notes and that he did not tell F. A. Robertson, one of the signatories, that he had destroyed the promissory notes.

Mr. Fitzroy explained that on April 10, F. Remedios borrowed \$150 from accused and signed a note for \$300, this being also signed by F. E. Vieira. On August 26, another \$200 was borrowed, this note being signed by Remedios and F. A. Robertson for \$400, the two notes thus totalling in value \$700. A further \$150 was borrowed and, to save having three notes, the previous two were incorporated in a third for \$1,000, Robertson and R. Costa signing it as guarantors.

Counsel explained that it was customary for borrowers of money in Hongkong to sign for double the amount loaned. As a consequence of the third note, the previous two were to be destroyed. Accused had sworn that there was no such consolidation, but witnesses for the Crown would say otherwise.

GRAND NATIONAL SWEEP.

TEN FIRST PRIZES IN THE
IRISH DRAW.

£950,000 SUBSCRIBED.

London, Mar. 17.
The subscription list for the Irish Grand National Sweepstake, which is to be closed to-morrow night, nine days before the world-famous race, has already reached the remarkable total of £950,000, in spite of the restrictions placed in England.

Meanwhile, important changes in the distribution of the prizes as compared with the Derby Sweep have been approved.

If the prize-money reaches £1,000,000, there will be ten first prizes of £30,000, instead of one of £300,000. There will also be ten third prizes of £15,000, instead of one of £150,000 and ten third prizes of £10,000.

The scheme also provides for ten prizes for each other horse drawn, for which forfeit has not been declared on Tuesday of the week before the race.

Apart from the horses competing, there will be two thousand cash prizes of £100 each, and 2,100 other prizes.—*Reuter*.

PUBLIC MONEY VOTES.

SIX ITEMS FOR FINANCE
COMMITTEE.

EDUCATION COURSE.

Six votes totalling \$15,170 are to come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at their meeting to-morrow afternoon. Of these, the most important are:

\$1,091, education, expenses of course of study. To provide fees not exceeding \$50 to enable Mr. L. G. Morgan, Science Master in the Education Department, to attend an advance course in education at the London Day Training College which is the London University School of Pedagogy in the Faculty of Arts. The course will enhance the value of Mr. Morgan's services to the Colony. Mr. Morgan will contribute half the leave for which he is normally eligible and has already spent a vacation in central China in connexion with an educational thesis which he will be called upon to submit.

New Services.

\$11,000, contribution for News Services.—Government's liability for this Reuter Service is £200 per month plus the cost of telegrams estimated at \$500 p.m. Liability under the present agreement extends to April 30th and it is estimated that a further vote of \$11,000 will be required thereafter. The sum provided in the Estimates was under-estimated and the deficit accentuated by the fall in exchange.

Medical Expenses.

\$2,500, medical expenses, bills of doctors and opticians.—The Finance Committee on 4th December, 1930, voted the sum of \$915 to meet doctors' and opticians' fees in accordance with a decision that the previous practice of deposits should be replaced by a system of crediting revenue with the sums paid by patients and debiting expenditure with the fees in question. A vote for \$2,500 is now requested in order to continue the new practice in 1931, no provision having been made in the Estimates for this year. The revenue collected under "Entrance Fees" will fully cover the expenditure.

REMARKABLE FEAT IN THE AIR.

BRITISH PILOT IMPRESSES
ARGENTINE AIRMEN.

London Mar. 17.
Several Argentine airmen witnessed a remarkable display near London by G. S. Standland, the well-known British pilot, in a new Fairey Firefly machine which is probably the fastest fighting aeroplane in the world.

Standland swooped almost to the ground at 380 miles an hour and then, turning his machine sharply, climbed 20,000 in ten minutes.

The Argentine aviator Captain Castex, also tested the machine and although it was a strange craft to him he too swooped and stunted with it after a few minutes.

The Firefly has 500 horse-power Rolls Royce motors.—*British Wireless*.

The Sergeant Mess, Gun Club Hill, is holding a whist drive and social on Friday, commencing at 8.45 p.m. All members of the Sergeant and Police Messes, Chief and Petty Officers, and their ladies are cordially invited.

AMUSEMENTS OF HONGKONG.

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